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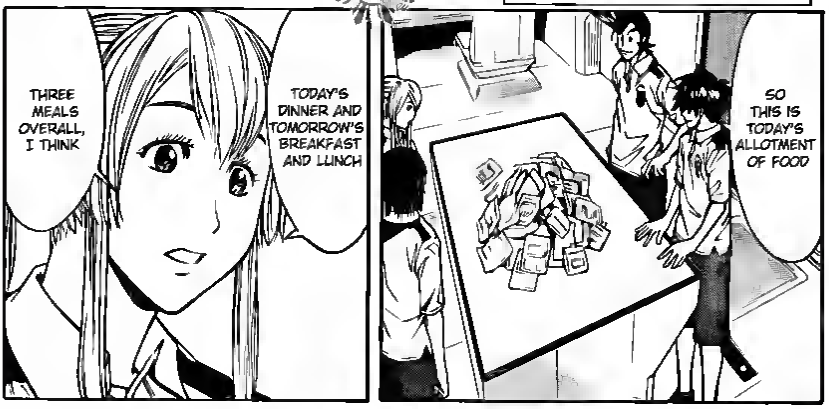
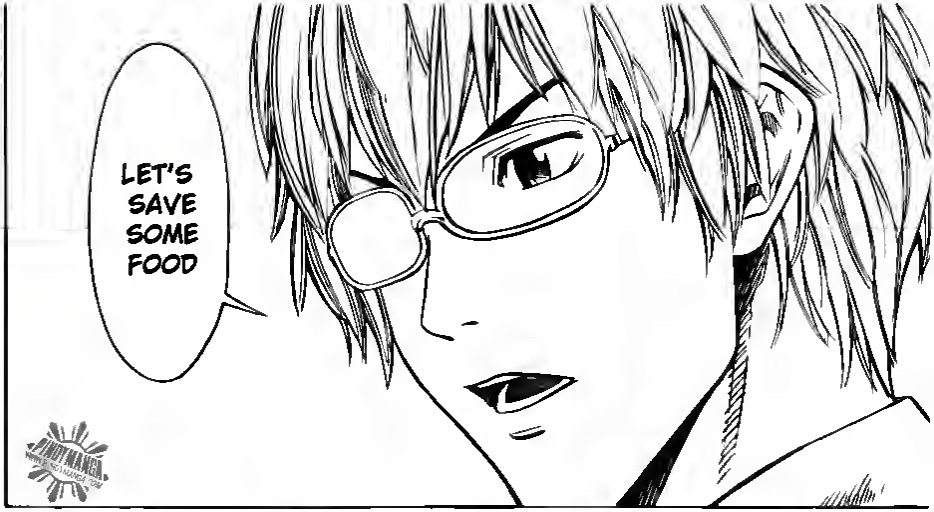
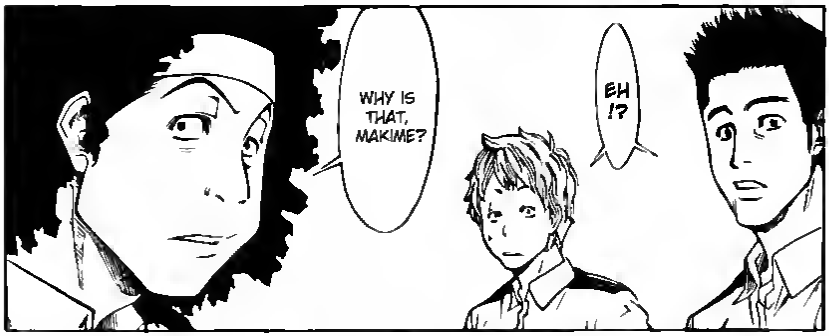
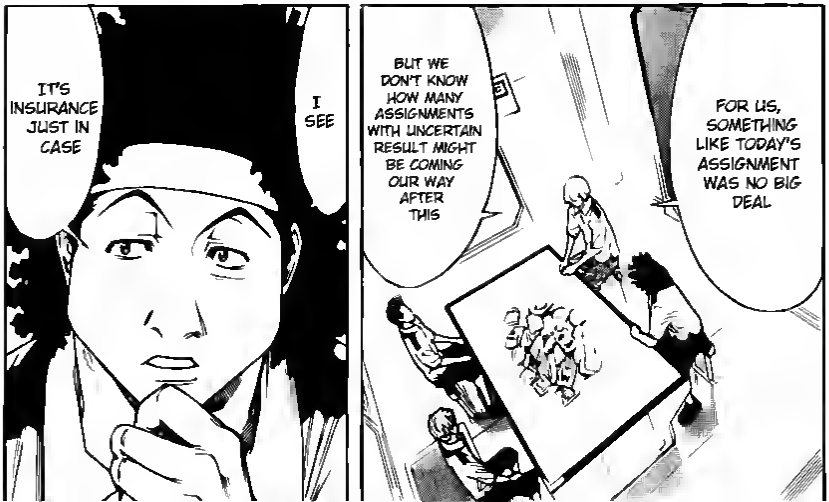
#7 Vision

IS SPACE FOOD DELICIOUS? FIND OUT IN 3 PAGES!




LET'S SAVE SOME FOOD

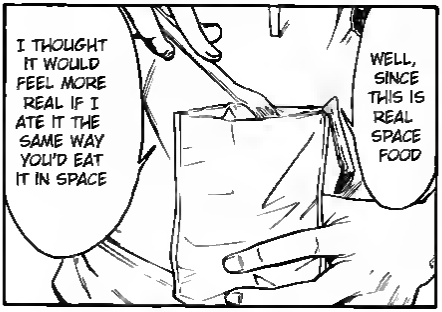

WHY IS THAT, MAKIME?
EH !?

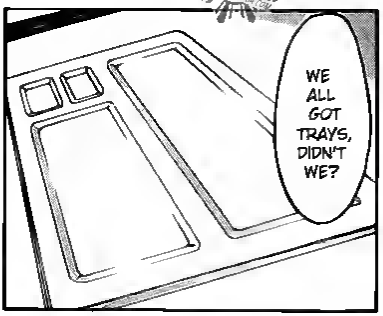

IT'S INSURANCE JUST IN CASE
I SEE
BUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY ASSIGNMENTS WITH UNCERTAIN RESULT MIGHT BE COMING OUR WAY AFTER THIS
FOR US, SOMETHING LIKE TODAY'S ASSIGNMENT WAS NO BIG DEAL

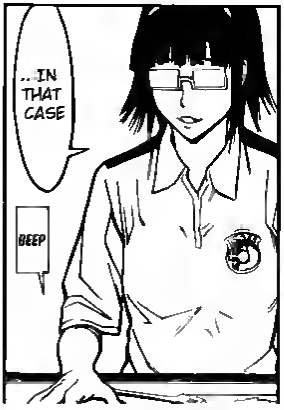
SKIP A MEAL SOME-WHERE?
..SO, HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO IT?
THAT SOUNDS RIGHT
I'D LIKE TO PRESERVE A MINIMUM OF ONE DAY'S WORTH OF FOOD
I THINK WE SHOULD SAVE A LITTLE FROM EVERY MEAL, AND IN ABOUT FIVE DAYS WE'LL HAVE ONE DAY'S WORTH IN RESERVE
BESIDES, IT'S TOO MUCH OF A BURDEN TO SECURE WHAT WE NEED IN ONE GO
THERE MIGHT BE ASSIGNMENTS THAT REQUIRE PHYSICAL STRENGTH
NO, LET'S NOT SKIP AN ENTIRE MEAL
WE DON'T
WE GOT IT
SOUNDS GOOD
YEAH
YOU HAVE NO OBJECTIONS EITHER, RIGHT!!?

GOOD FOOD REDUCES STRESS, SO IT GIVES YOU MORE STRENGTH
IT'S DELICIOUS !!
SO THIS IS THE KIND OF FOOD THEY EAT IN SPACE FOR REAL
THEY STREN-GTHEN THE FLAVOR IN SPACE
HEH ——
THE FLAVORING IS ON THE STRONG SIDE
BUT SINCE THIS IS SPACE FOOD
..ACTU-ALLY
YOU DIDN'T KNOW SOME-THING LIKE THAT?
WHY, YUUTO

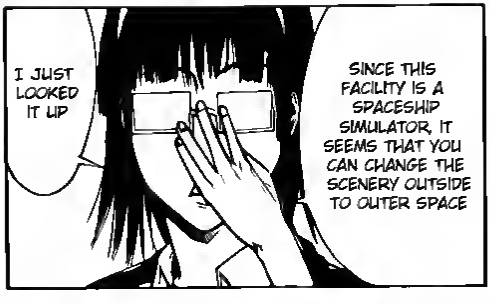
WHY ARE YOU EATING LIKE THAT?
HMM !?


I THOUGHT IT WOULD FEEL MORE REAL IF I ATE IT THE SAME WAY YOU'D EAT IT IN SPACE
WELL, SINCE THIS IS REAL SPACE FOOD


WE ALL GOT TRAYS, DIDN'T WE?


..IN THAT CASE
BEEP

IT'S MORE FUN TO THINK OF IT AS IF WE'RE REALLY IN SPACE
EVEN IF THIS IS SIMPLE TRAINING, AS LONG AS IT'S SPACESHIP HABITATION TRAINING

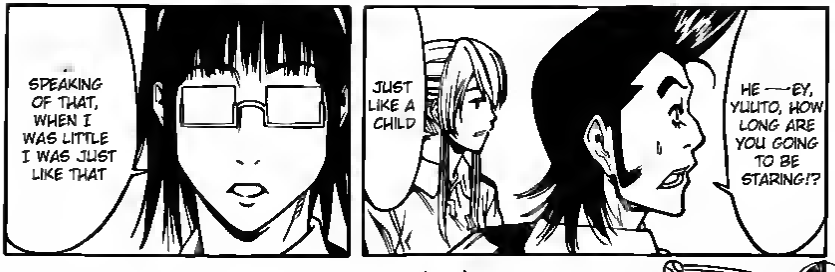

I JUST LOOKED IT UP
SINCE THIS FACILITY IS A SPACESHIP SIMULATOR, IT SEEMS THAT YOU CAN CHANGE THE SCENERY OUTSIDE TO OUTER SPACE

AH!!
OUTSIDE THE WINDOW TURNED INTO SPACE!!

SHOULD I TURN IT BACK...?

AWE-SOME ...
SHIBATA-SAN, IS THIS IMAGE REAL?
IT'S ONLY A SAVED IMAGE
BUT IT'S THE SAME AS WHAT YOU'D SEE FROM A REAL SPACESHIP
BOTH ABOVE AND BELOW, EVERYTHING ...

EVERYTHING IS COVERED WITH STARS!
SO THIS IS SPACE!!


SPEAKING OF THAT, WHEN I WAS LITTLE I WAS JUST LIKE THAT
JUST LIKE A CHILD
HE——EY, YUUTO, HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO BE STARING!?

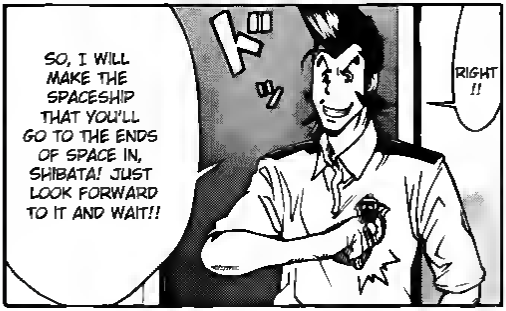
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I WAS TAKEN ON A SPACE TRIP FOR THE FIRST TIME
THAT'S UNEX-PECTED
REALLY
SO I THOUGHT I WANTED TO SEE EVERYTHING TO THE ENDS OF SPACE
SPACE IS HUGE AND THERE ARE MANY STILL UNKNOWN PARTS THERE
THEN YOU'RE JUST LIKE ME!!
YES
SO THAT'S WHY YOU GOT INTO THE SPACE ACADEMY
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
THE ENDS OF SPACE... THAT'S COOL!!

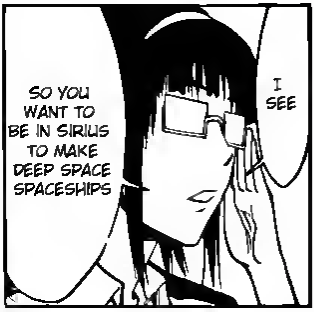
I GOT INTO THE SPACE ACADEMY SO I COULD JOIN SIRIUS..
AND MAKE SPACESHIPS.. MARVELOUS DEEP SPACE SPACESHIPS!!
IF YOU WANT TO MAKE SPACESHIPS, SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR SPACE CONSTRUCTION?
WHY DID YOU GET IN THE ASTRONAUT DEPARTMENT?

IF I ONLY WANTED TO MAKE THE SHIPS, THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT IS A GOOD CHOICE
..CERTAINLY

BUT THE SPACESHIP DESIGNER THAT I ADMIRE THE MOST ONCE SAID

"DON'T MAKE SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULDN'T GET INTO AND DRIVE!!"


SO, I WILL MAKE THE SPACESHIP THAT YOU'LL GO TO THE ENDS OF SPACE IN, SHIBATA! JUST LOOK FORWARD TO IT AND WAIT!!
RIGHT !!


SO YOU WANT TO BE IN SIRIUS TO MAKE DEEP SPACE SPACESHIPS
I SEE

WHAT ABOUT YOU, KASUGA?
...

I'LL WAIT, BUT I WON'T HOLD MY BREATH
...
WHAT!! THIS IS WHERE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SAY THAT YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!!

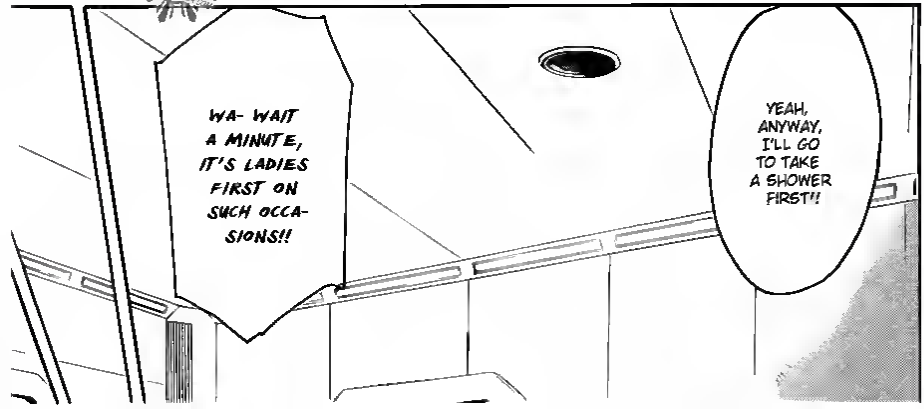
I'LL WAIT WITHOUT LOOKING FORWARD TO IT
YES

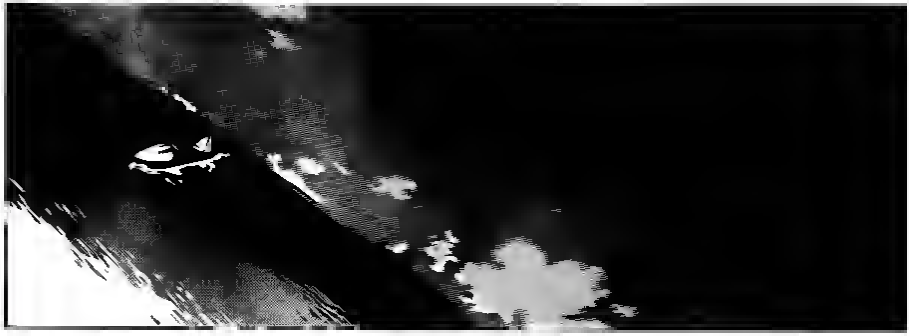
WHY DID YOU COME TO THE SPACE ACADEMY?
... ACTUALLY, I KNOW
YOU JUST WANT THE STATUS OF SOMEONE IN SIRIUS, RIGHT?
RIGHT
SORRY, I DON'T HAVE AN EXTRAVAGANT DREAM LIKE YOU GUYS
KAAA ——
AH! YOU JUST SPOILED THE MOOD ——!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY OTHER DREAMS!?
.....
I DON'T
I THOUGHT SO
ANYWAY, WE'RE STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF TRAINING NOW
WE NEED TO CONSIDER HOW WE'LL BE DEALING WITH THE ASSIGNMENTS STARTING TOMORROW

IS THIS THE SPIRIT OF COOPE-RATION ...?
IT'S BETTER THAN DOING NOTH-ING!!
EH—— WE'LL BE ALRIGHT
THE INDIS-PENSABLE QUALITY FOR AN ASTRONAUT
...

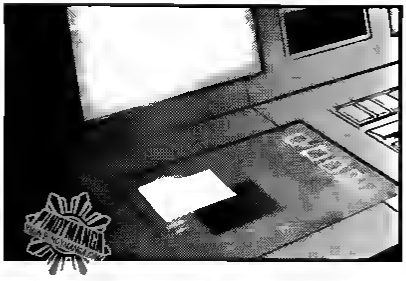
EH —— LET'S TAKE IT EASY FOR THE REST OF TODAY
SO YOU'RE FINE IF WE DON'T GET TOMOR-ROW'S MEAL!?
NO WAY

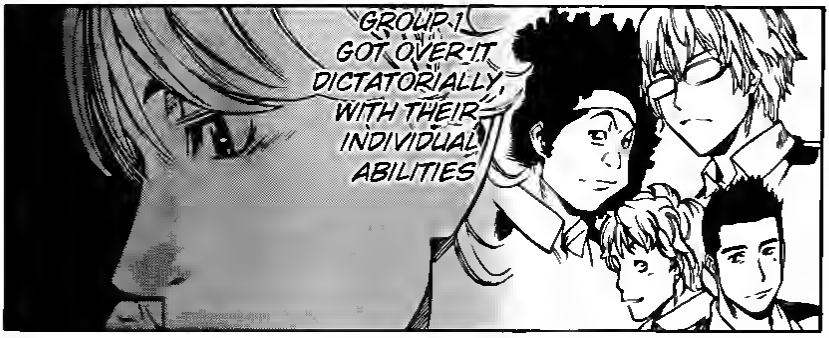
NOW HE'S TALKING TO HER NORMALLY
BUT OF WHAT USE IS IT TO THINK ABOUT THAT STUFF NOW?
GAKU, WHO WAS SO ANGRY WITH KASUGAI-SAN

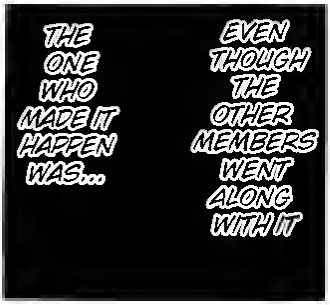

WA- WAIT A MINUTE, IT'S LADIES FIRST ON SUCH OCCA-SIONS!!
YEAH, ANYWAY, I'LL GO TO TAKE A SHOWER FIRST!!

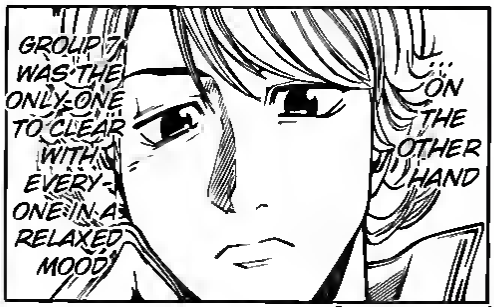


ALL TEAMS CLEARED IT... BUT
TODAY'S ASSIGN-MENT...




GROUP 1 GOT OVER IT DICTATORIALLY, WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL ABILITIES


THE ONE WHO MADE IT HAPPEN WAS...
EVEN THOUGH THE OTHER MEMBERS WENT ALONG WITH IT


GROUP 7 WAS THE ONLY ONE TO CLEAR WITH EVERY-ONE IN A RELAXED MOOD
ON THE OTHER HAND

SUBARU YUUTO!!

JUST WHAT IS IT THAT HE HAS ...?
THIS KID, WHOSE GRADES AREN'T THAT SPECTACULAR

JUST WHAT IS IT THAT YOU ALL SEE IN THIS KID...?
?
WELL, IF I SAID I WASN'T I'D BE LYING
WHAT'S UP? ARE YOU STILL BROODING OVER IT!?

GROUP 7 OUT OF ALL SEVEN TEAMS WAS THE SECOND FASTEST TO CLEAR THIS ASSIGN-MENT?
AND HOW COME TODAY

THEY WERE ABLE TO SWITCH OVER AND THEIR TEMPO IMPROVED
ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF THIS BOY'S PROPOSAL

THEY CERTAINLY WERE QUICK

I DON'T WANT SOMEONE I CAN'T RELY ON!!
A DAY MIGHT COME WHEN WE WOULD HAVE TO CARRY OUT A DANGEROUS MISSION TOGETHER

PERSONALLY, I CONSIDER IF I CAN RELY ON A PERSON OR NOT
IF YOU ASK WHAT WE SEE IN HIM

IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY
BUT THIS IS WHY WE EVALUATE THEM LIKE THIS
EXCUSE ME!! MY EYE FOR PEOPLE IS GOOD!!!
JUST MAKE SURE YOU DON'T FALL FOR MARRIAGE FRAUD
THE ONES WHO SELECT ASTRONAUTS ARE
OTHER ASTRO-NAUTS!!
THEN I WANT YOU TO SHOW IT TO ME
IS THAT WHAT THEY CALL THE "RIGHT STUFF"!?
YOU CAN DISCERN WITH YOUR OWN EYES!
WHAT DATA OR STATISTICS WON'T TELL YOU

THE RIGHT STUFF FOR AN ASTRO-NAUT...
FUGAH
GOOD MORNING, ASCANS
GOOD MORNING

I'M GOING TO EXPLAIN TODAY'S ASSIGNMENT
TODAY'S ASSIGN-MENT IS TO MAKE A MODEL
PLEASE ASSEMBLE A MODEL SPACESHIP OUT OF APPROX-IMATELY 50 PARTS
A SPACE-SHIP MODEL !!
SO PARTS ARE A PIECE OF CAKE!!
FIRST, BRING THE NO. 1 BOX HERE AND SPREAD THE PARTS IN IT ON THE TABLE
YEAH! I'LL GO GET IT!!
CALM DOWN
HERE IT IS
TORYA !!
EH!?

THERE ARE MORE THAN 1000 PARTS HERE!!
PICK ONLY THE CORRECT PARTS FROM AMONG THEM, AND PUT THEM TOGETHER!!
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIND THE RIGHT ONES FROM THIS MANY PARTS!?
THIS ASSIGNMENT IS A SUPER DIFFICULT THREE-DIMENSIONAL PUZZLE!!
To be continued!!

EXPANDED TO 24 PAGES THIS WEEK!!
PICKING OUT 50 CORRECT PARTS OUT OF 1000...
ISN'T THAT REALLY HARSH!?
HARSH FOR SURE.
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THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO TELL CORRECT PARTS FROM THE OTHERS
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO SORT THEM OUT!?
THEY DON'T HAVE ANY NUMBERS ON THEM EITHER...
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN FIGURE THEM OUT BY COLOR...

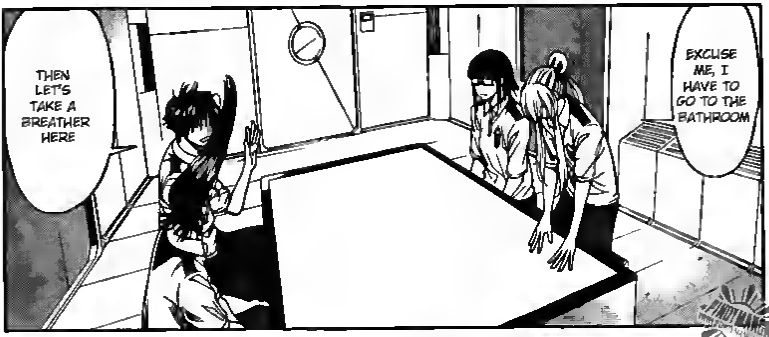
EACH CORRECT PART IS GUARANTEED TO HAVE ONE OTHER PART WITH WHICH IT CAN COMBINE
IN OTHER WORDS YOU CAN MAKE 25 SETS OUT OF THE 50 PARTS
THE EXPLANATION IS OVER
IS THAT IT?
ISN'T THERE AN EXAMPLE!?
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MAKE IT WITH ONLY THAT MUCH
IT'S A PLASTIC
WITH A TON OF EXCESS PARTS
NO
000
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CHECK EACH PART ONE BY ONE
IT SEEMS SO

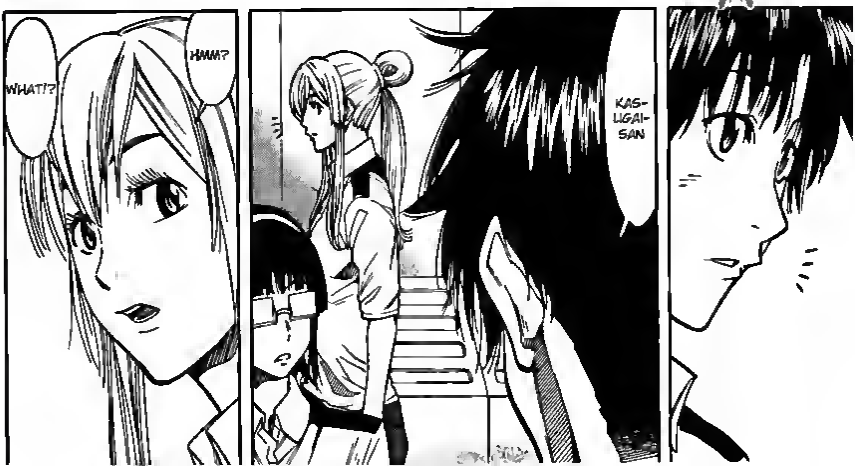
THIS TASK IS TO TEST OUR PERSEVERANCE, ISN'T IT...?
I REALLY SUCK AT PATIENCE
PER-SEVE-RANCE
PATI-ENCE
BUT PERSEVERANCE WAS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT KOUSEI SAID WAS "THE RIGHT STUFF"
EH
YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE PERSEVE-RANCE IS SOME-THING KOUSEI HAD, BUT SINCE HE DID, THEN I CAN DO IT TOO
SUCH A BOTH-ER
ANYWAY LET'S JUST DO IT"
AW-RIGHT!!
THAT'S RIGHT!!

GOT ONE!!
OHHH —!!
BUT
ALL WE GOT IS ONE!!
WHAT-EVER, AT LEAST WE GOT ONE!!
BUT STILL — I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO MAKING A MODEL OF A SPACESHIP
WHO'D THINK THEY'D MAKE US DO SOME-THING SO TEDIOUS —
SURPRIS-INGLY, I'M ACTUALLY LIKING THIS
SERI-OUSLY ?
AT FIRST I THOUGHT I'D BE BAD AT IT
BUT I'M STARTING TO FEEL THAT I'LL FIND THEM NO MATTER WHAT, EVEN IF THROUGH SHEER WILL-POWER

DON'T GO RUNNING AWAY, GAKU!!
ガッ
HAVING SAID THAT, I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU. CALL ME ONCE YOU GOT ALL THE COMPONENTS
GWEH!!
YEAH, YOU REALLY DO
I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE SOMEONE WHO HATES TO LOSE SO MUCH
DO I REALLY?
HEY HEY
SEE?
FINE, I'LL DO IT!!
CAN'T I TAKE A BREAK——?
TCHE, SO STRICT——
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DO WITHOUT ALL FOUR OF US
OF COURSE NOT
NICE, SHIBATA-SAN!!
YOU DID IT!!
I GOT A MATCH
AH!
GEEZ

I THINK WE CAN MAKE IT SOME-HOW!?
WE SPENT THREE HOURS AND GOT 10 COMPO-NENTS ..


THEN LET'S TAKE A BREATHER HERE
EXCUSE ME, I HAVE TO GO TO THE BATHROOM


WHAT!?
HMM?
KAS-UGAI-SAN

NOTHING
WHY, WHAT'S HAPPENED!?

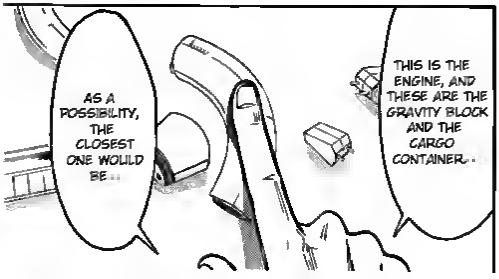
I IMAGINED IT
..NO, IT'S NOTHING

I THINK IF ANYONE COULD, IT WOULD BE YOU, GAKU
JUST FROM THESE?

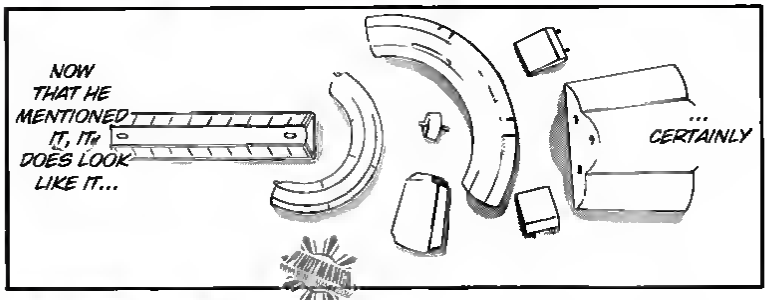
CAN YOU TELL WHAT KIND OF A SPACESHIP THIS IS FROM THESE COMPONENTS?
MORE IMPORTANTLY, GAKU

THAT'S TRUE..
YEAH——

I SEE
IF WE KNEW WHAT THE FINAL SHAPE WOULD BE LIKE, IT WOULD BECOME EASIER TO SEARCH FOR THE REMAINING PARTS

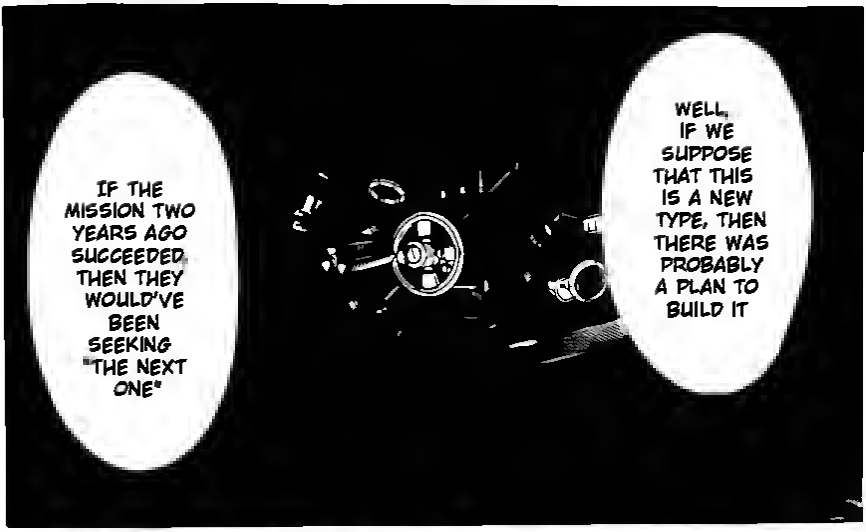

AS A POSSIBILITY, THE CLOSEST ONE WOULD BE...
THIS IS THE ENGINE, AND THESE ARE THE GRAVITY BLOCK AND THE CARGO CONTAINER.

THE JUPITNEER!?
THE JUPITNEER


NOW THAT HE MENTIONED IT, IT DOES LOOK LIKE IT...
... CERTAINLY

MAYBE IT'S A PROTOTYPE OF THE JUPITNEER
...OR ELSE
ESPECIALLY THE SHAPE OF THIS ENGINE BLOCK
IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THE JUPITNEER DESIGN THAT I KNOW
HMM !?
BUT WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "THE LOSEST ONE"?

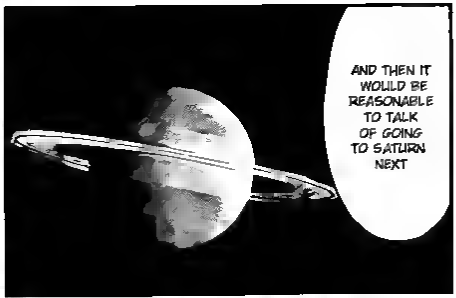
IT MIGHT BE A NEW TYPE OF THE JUPITNEER CLASS
I DON'T REALLY KNOW IF IT'S A NEW TYPE
DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS. I'M JUST TALKING ABOUT POSSIBILITIES HERE.
WHY? HOW? WHERE DID THEY BUILD IT!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY NEW TYPE!?
THEN WHY IS THERE SUCH A MODEL!?


IF THE MISSION TWO YEARS AGO SUCCEEDED, THEN THEY WOULD'VE BEEN SEEKING "THE NEXT ONE"
WELL, IF WE SUPPOSE THAT THIS IS A NEW TYPE, THEN THERE WAS PROBABLY A PLAN TO BUILD IT

THE NEXT ONE!?

IN THAT CASE, YOU'D BE WORKING ON NEW TYPES OF SPACESHIPS

THERE WAS PROBABLY A PLAN TO CONSTRUCT A MINING BASE
IT'S CONTINUOUS EXPLORATION BECAUSE JUPITER IS A TREASURE TROVE OF RESOURCES


AND THEN IT WOULD BE REASONABLE TO TALK OF GOING TO SATURN NEXT

...WHICH MEANS, THERE'S A POSSIBILITY OF GOING TO JUPITER AGAIN IN THAT SPACESHIP!!
THAT TOOK YOU A WHILE. DO YOU HAVE INDIGESTION OR SOMETHING?
トゥー
YOU'RE SO PERSISTENT
... WELL, IT'S NOT OUT OF THE QUESTION
KASUGAI-SAN!?

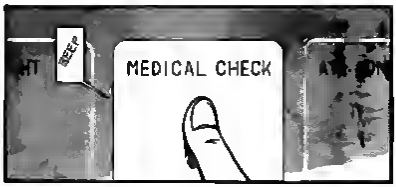
KAS-
UGAI-
SAN!!

SHE HAS REALLY HIGH FEVER
LET'S CONTINUE
I... I'M ALRIGHT
I THOUGHT SHE LOOKED STRANGE JUST NOW. IT WASN'T MY IMAGINATION.
I KNEW IT...
SHE SAID SHE'S ALRIGHT HERSELF, SHOULD WE GO ON!?
WH-WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, YUUTO!?

... NO
WE NEED TO MAKE KASUGAI-SAN REST!!
I- I'M ...
ALRIGHT, I TOLD YOU
NO!!
EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE SET ME UP, I'M THE LEADER!!
YOU MUST OBEY YOUR LEADER'S ORDERS!!
YUUTO ...

NO
GET ON!!
SHE'S SICK, AND YET SO NOISY
DON'T TOUCH ME ANY-WHERE WEIRD
PER-VERT
LET ME DOWN!!
Y-YEAH!!
GAKU, HELP US OUT

IT'S ORANGE
MEANING WE SHOULD HAVE A DOCTOR LOOK AT HER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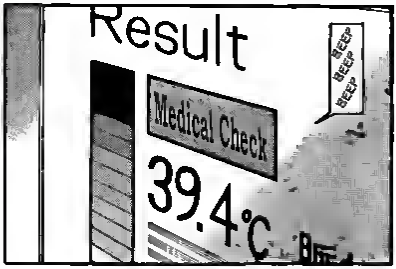
MEDICAL CHECK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BEEP BEEP BEEP
Medical Check
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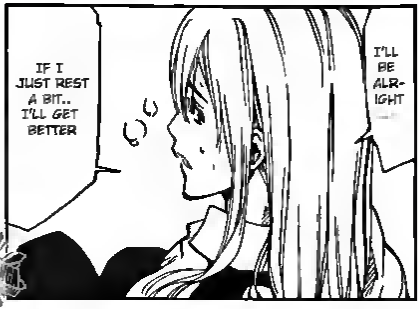
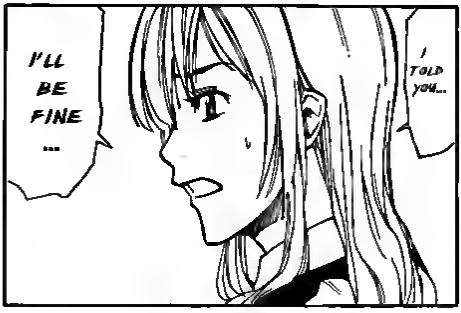
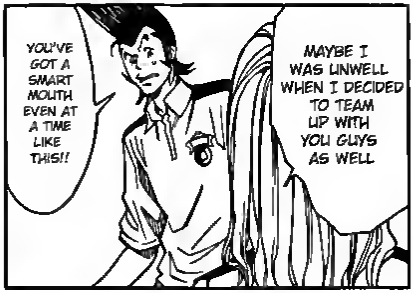
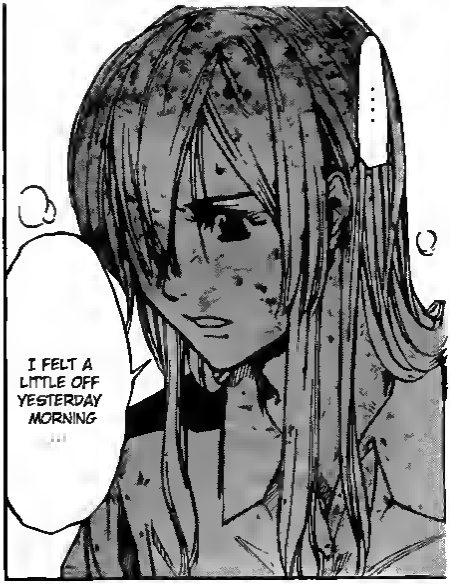
KASUGAI-SAN
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU BEEN FEELING UNWELL?


IF I JUST REST A BIT.. I'LL GET BETTER
I'LL BE ALRIGHT

SINCE WHEN !!?


I'LL BE FINE ...
I TOLD YOU...


YOU'VE GOT A SMART MOUTH EVEN AT A TIME LIKE THIS!!
MAYBE I WAS UNWELL WHEN I DECIDED TO TEAM UP WITH YOU GUYS AS WELL


...
I FELT A LITTLE OFF YESTERDAY MORNING
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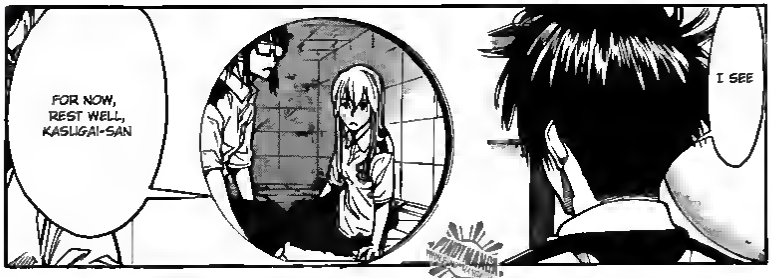
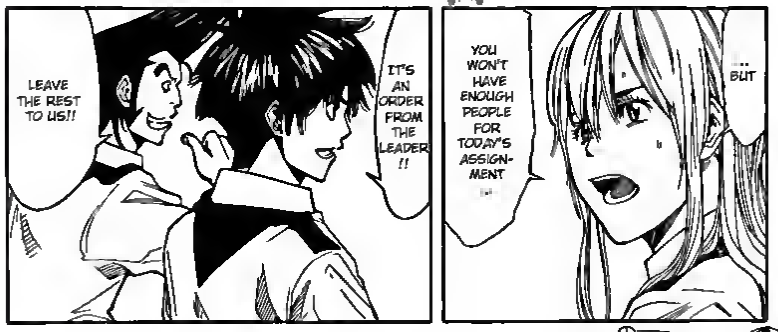
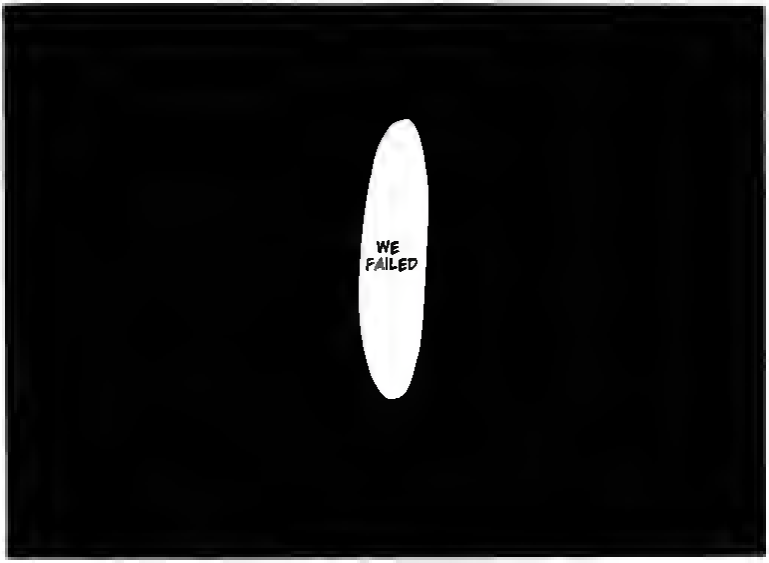

FOR NOW, REST WELL, KASUGAI-SAN
I SEE


LEAVE THE REST TO US!!
IT'S AN ORDER FROM THE LEADER !!
YOU WON'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE FOR TODAY'S ASSIGN-MENT
... BUT

THE ASSIGN-MENT IS OVER
HOW DID IT GO?


WE FAILED

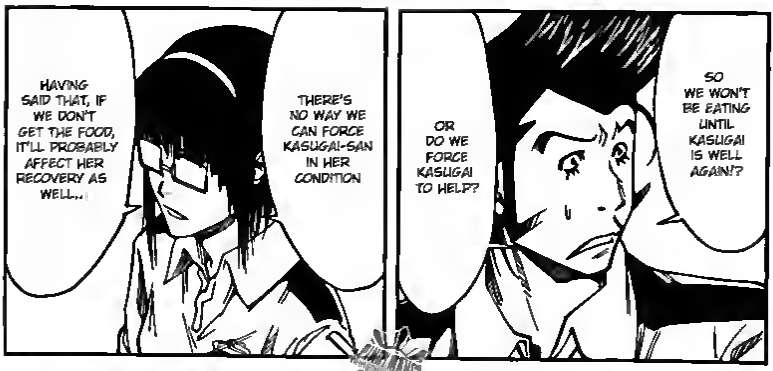
...I SEE

I'M SORRY
I WAS SO FULL OF MYSELF
KASUGAI-SAN...
BUT IN THE END, I WAS THE ONE WHO DRAGGED EVERYONE DOWN THE MOST
GUH
I'M SORRY

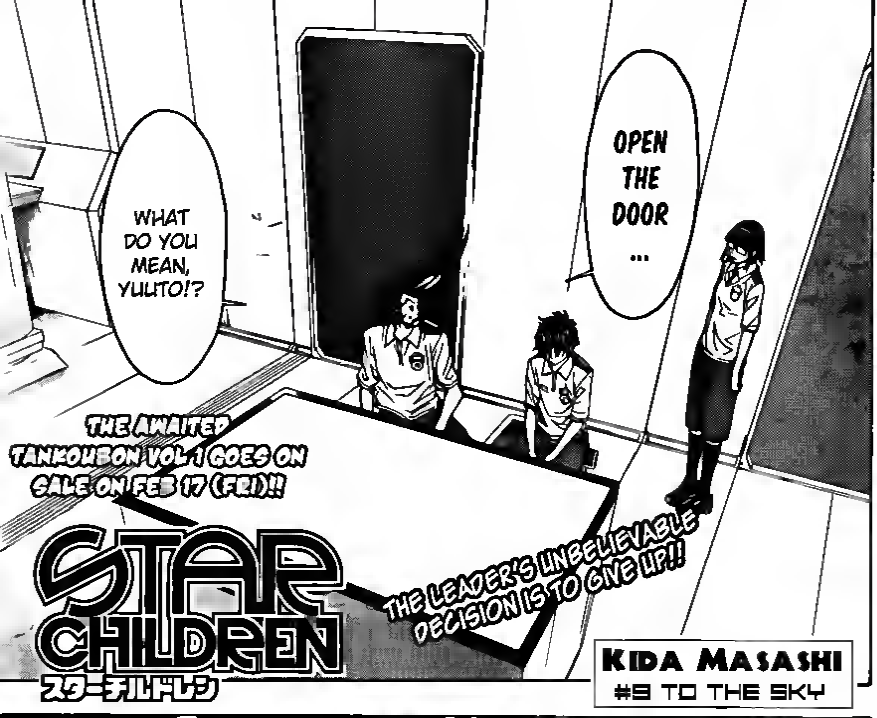
HOW IS SHE?
ウィン
SHE'S ASLEEP NOW
BUT THE RESULTS OF THE MEDICAL CHECK ARE STILL BAD
I SEE...
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT?!
THAT SHE'D BE CRYING AND APOLOGIZING

KOUSEI... WHAT

SHOULD WE DO!?



I'M SORRY, BOTH OF YOU
LET'S OPEN THE EXIT OOOR
DOES IT END HERE...?
EH!?
To be continued!!


WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YUUTO!?
OPEN THE DOOR ...
THE AWAITED TANKOUBON VOL.1 GOES ON SALE ON FEB 17 (FRI)!!
STAR CHILDREN
スターチルドレン
THE LEADER'S UNBELIEVABLE DECISION IS TO GIVE UP?!

I'LL OPEN THE DOOR AND LET A DOCTOR LOOK AT KASUGAI-SAN
I KNOW THAT!!
IF YOU OPEN THE DOOR, WE'LL ALL BE EXPELLED FROM CLASS A!!
DO YOU EVEN UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!?

IT'S JUST LIKE I SAID
EVEN IF YOU ASK ME TO EXPLAIN
I WON'T GET IT IF YOU DON'T EXPLAIN PROPERLY!!
THEN WHAT!?

BUT SHE MIGHT GET BETTER TOMORROW
WE DON'T KNOW YET!!
EVEN I REALIZE THAT WE SHOULD LET A DOCTOR EXAMINE KASUGAI

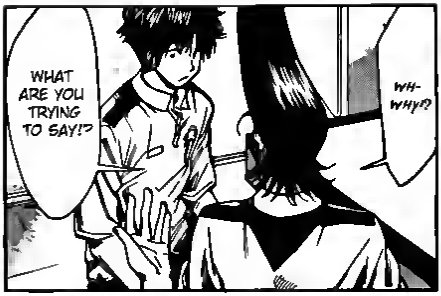
NATURALLY, IF WE DON'T COMPLETE OUR ASSIGNMENTS, WE DON'T GET FOOD
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO CLEAR THE NEXT ONE WITH THE THREE OF US AGAIN
THE THREE OF US COULDN'T CLEAR TODAY'S ASSIGNMENT
THAT MIGHT BE TRUE, BUT YOU CAN'T KEEP SAYING THAT UNTIL KASUGAI-SAN GETS WELL!!

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT KASUGAI-SAN'S SYMPTOMS WILL GET EVEN WORSE THAN THEY ARE NOW
IN THAT CASE
I THINK I HAVE TO MAKE THE DECISION NOW!!
BEFORE IT COMES TO THE WORST CASE
KASUGAI'S SICKNESS MIGHT BE A SIMPLE COLD
WA- WAIT A MINUTE, AREN'T YOU THINKING TOO FAR AHEAD!?
BESIDES, THIS IS ONLY TRAINING

I THINK SO TOO
YEAH

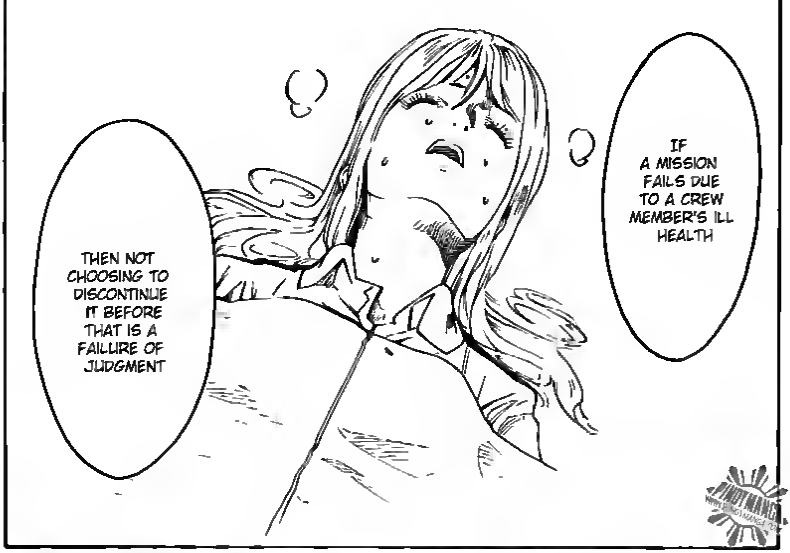
BEFORE IT COMES TO WORST, THE SCHOOL ITSELF WILL PUT A STOP TO IT!!

IN THAT CASE ...
R-RIGHT !!?


WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY!?
WH-WHY!?

BUT WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN

IF THE SCHOOL STOPS IT, IT WILL MEAN THE FAILURE OF THE MISSION
IF WE SUPPOSE THAT THIS TRAINING WERE A REAL MISSION IN SPACE

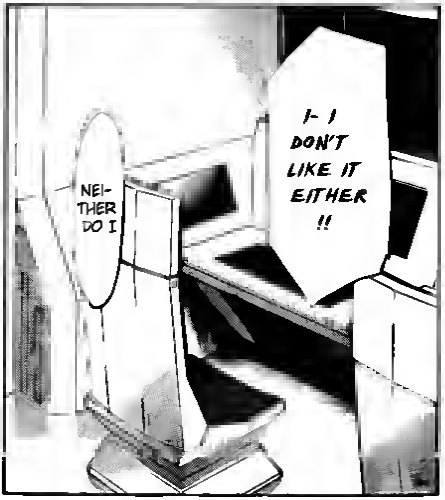

IF A MISSION FAILS DUE TO A CREW MEMBER'S ILL HEALTH
THEN NOT CHOOSING TO DISCONTINUE IT BEFORE THAT IS A FAILURE OF JUDGMENT

... CERTAINLY, IF YOU LOOK AT IT THAT WAY, THEN COMPARED TO OPENING THE DOOR AND BEING EXPELLED FROM CLASS A
WE MIGHT RECEIVE AN EVEN LOWER EVALUATION

B-BUT STILL
BEING EXPELLED AFTER GETTING ALL THE WAY HERE ...
I DON'T WANT TO DROP OUT OF CLASS A EITHER
... BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY

SEEING SOMEONE SUFFER RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME AND LEAVING THEM ALONE
I HATE THAT EVEN MORE!!

GAKU, SHIBATA-SAN
SO THEN


I- I DON'T LIKE IT EITHER !!
NEI-THER DO I

WA-WA-WAIT
WAIT A MINUTE !!

I UNDERSTAND THAT WE NEED TO OPEN THE DOOR FOR KASUGAI'S SAKE!!
I AGREE WITH THAT
BUT WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT SIRIUS?
IF WE DROP OUT OF CLASS A, WON'T WE BE UNABLE TO GET INTO SIRIUS!?

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING, YUUTO!?
EH!?
... ERR
WHAT THE HELL! YOU HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF ANYTHING!?

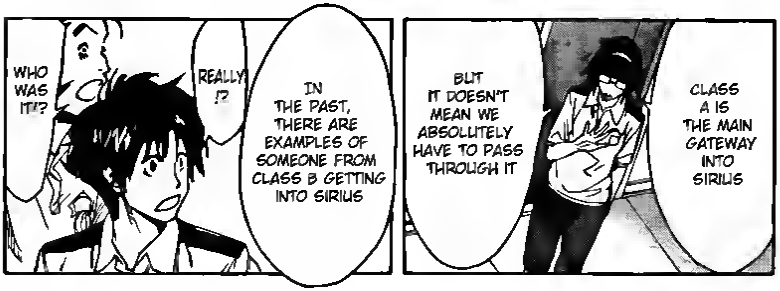
... NO
THERE MIGHT BE ONE WAY
WHAT !?
.....

SUBARU DAICHI, THE HEAD OF THE IAS DEPT
YOUR DAD ...
... MY DAD
I'LL EXPLAIN THE SITUATION TO HIM AND ASK FOR HIS HELP
BUT YUUTO ...
ISN'T YOUR FATHER OPPOSED TO YOU BECOMING AN ASTRONAUT!?
... BUT THERE'S NO OTHER WAY
YES
AT LEAST, I'LL ASK HIM TO MAKE SURE YOU ALL CAN STAY IN CLASS A
I SEE. YES, ASK HIM
FUJINO-KUN!?

DID YOU THINK I'D SAY THAT!!?
MORON !!
OUCH ...!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, GAKU!?
RIGHT BACK AT YOU, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING !?
DON'T MESS AROUND !!
I'M NOT MESSING AROUND !!
I'M SERI-OUSLY ...
OUCH! HOLD ON, TIMEOUT!!
DO YOU THINK I'LL GO ALONG WITH THIS KIND OF A BACKROOM DEAL!?
IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES, NO THANKS!!

GAKU...
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN BUILD A WORTHY SHIP!!
IF I GET INTO SIRIUS LIKE THAT

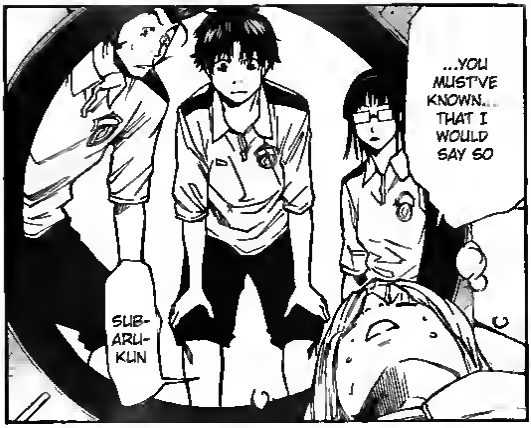
REALLY!?
EH!?
IF WE DROP OUT OF CLASS A, IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE ROAD TO SIRIUS IS COMPLETELY SEALED OFF


WHO WAS IT!?
REALLY!?
IN THE PAST, THERE ARE EXAMPLES OF SOMEONE FROM CLASS B GETTING INTO SIRIUS
BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO PASS THROUGH IT
CLASS A IS THE MAIN GATEWAY INTO SIRIUS

KOUSEI ...!?
AMAMI KOUSEI WAS ONE OF THEM
AND HE WENT ON TO SIRIUS... AND THEN BECAME ONE OF THE JUPITNEER !!
SO KOUSEI WAS FROM CLASS B...
NO
IF YOU SPEAK OF POSSIBILITY, IT'S INFINITELY CLOSE TO 0
IT'S A VERY NARROW AND DIFFICULT PATH
YEAH!!
THEN WE STILL HAVE PLENTY OF POSSIBILITIES!?
IT'S ALRIGHT ANYWAY

EVEN IF IT'S INFINITELY CLOSE TO 0, IT'S STILL NOT 0. I WON'T GIVE UP!!
I'LL BE SURE TO JOIN SIRIUS FROM CLASS B!!
I CAN'T LOSE TO KOUSEI!!
...
WHAT?
I WASN'T GOING TO GIVE UP FROM THE START
NOW THAT I'VE HEARD ABOUT IT, I CAN'T GIVE UP EITHER!!

NOT EVERYONE HAS VOTED
ALRIGHT! LET'S OPEN THE DOOR BEFORE SOMEONE CHANGES THEIR MIND!!
NOT YET, GAKU
HMM !?
UGH ...
OPEN THE DOOR!!
YOU MUSTN'T ...


SUBARU-KUN
...YOU MUST'VE KNOWN... THAT I WOULD SAY SO

WE SHOULD'VE OPENED IT WITHOUT TELLING KASUGAI
I TOLD YOU

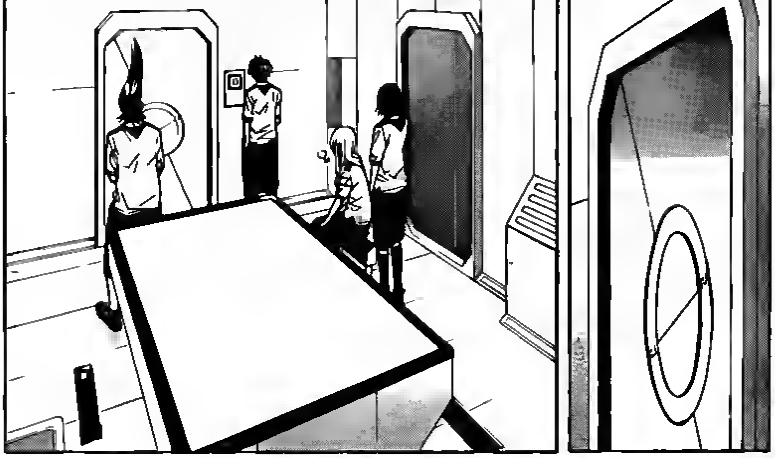
THEN WHY... DID YOU COME TO TELL ME THIS?
.....

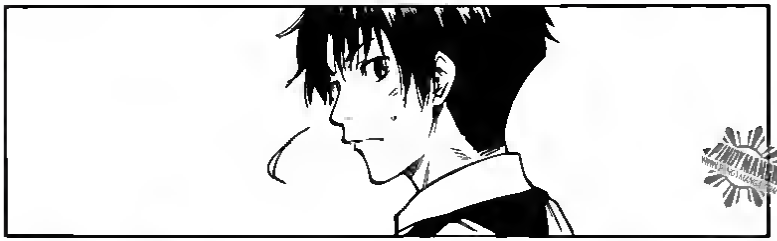
YEAH

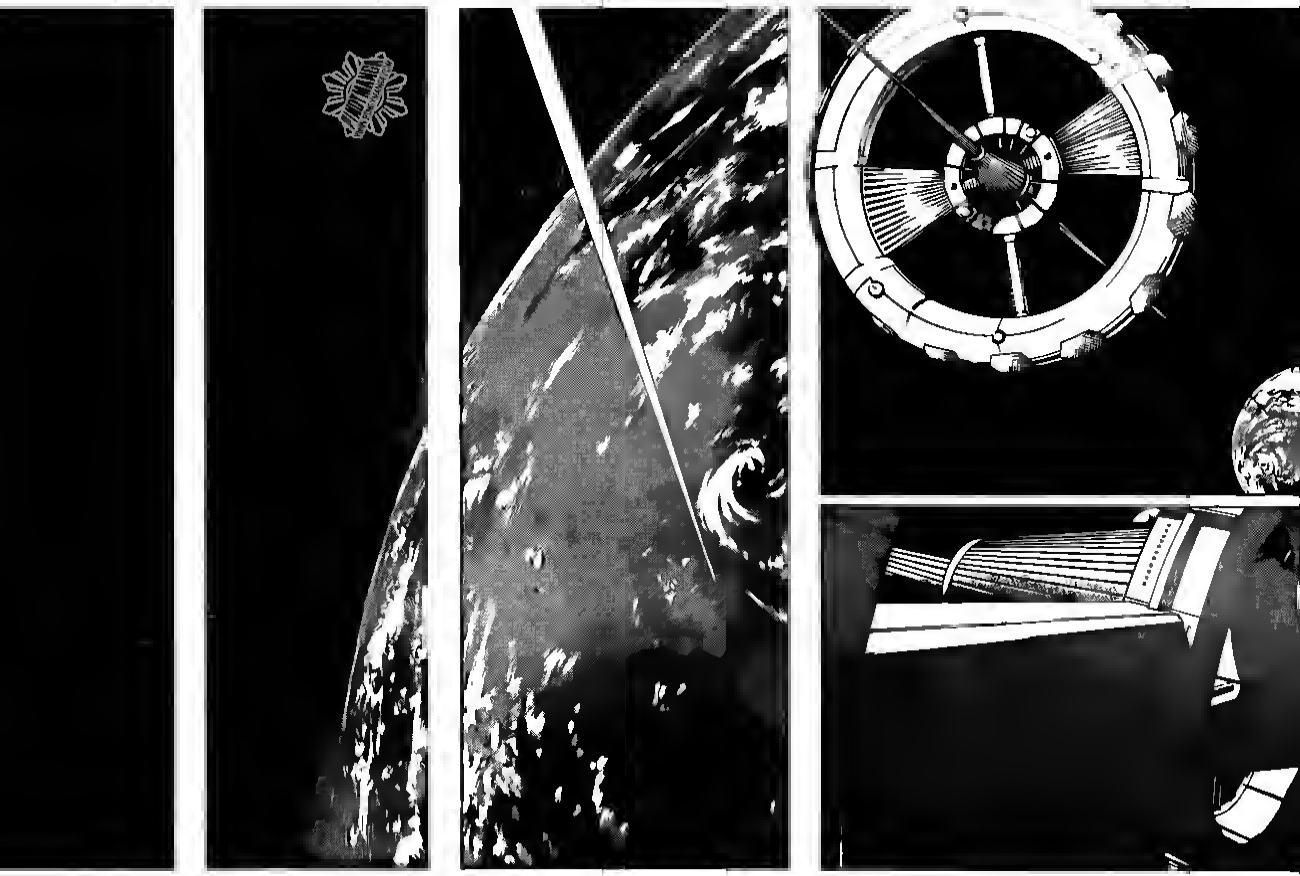
BUT
I DIDN'T

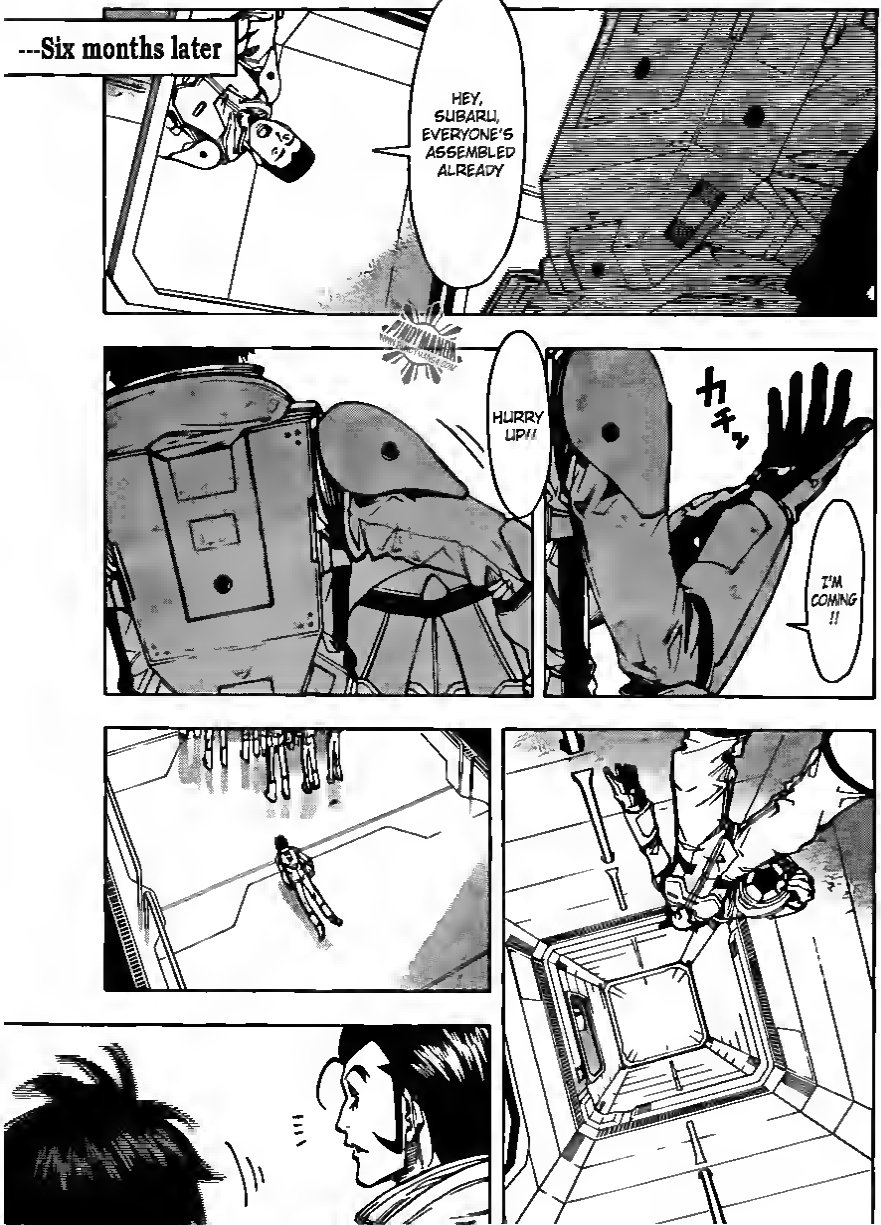
YOU THOUGHT THAT IF YOU TOLD ME, I WOULDN'T BE HURT?

I THOUGHT THAT YOU'D BE HURT EVEN MORE IF WE DIDN'T TELL YOU
...
YOU'RE VERY BLUNT
IF WE DIDN'T TELL YOU, YOU'D FEEL THAT ALL OF THIS WAS YOUR FAULT
KASUGAI-SAN, YOU'RE PROUD, AND YOU HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF RESPON-SIBILITY
YOU CAN STILL JOIN SIRIUS EVEN FROM CLASS B!!
WELL, DON'T FEEL SO BAD ABOUT IT!!
...I SEE








---Six months later
HEY, SUBARU, EVERYONE'S ASSEMBLED ALREADY
HURRY UP!!
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I'M COMING !!

B CLASS TEAM ALPHA
ASUKA
WILL NOW BEGIN EVA TRAINING!!
FRESH START! AND THE SETTING CHANGES TO SPACE----
To be continued!!

A NEW DEVELOPMENT THIS WEEK!

STAR CHILDREEN

スターチルドレン

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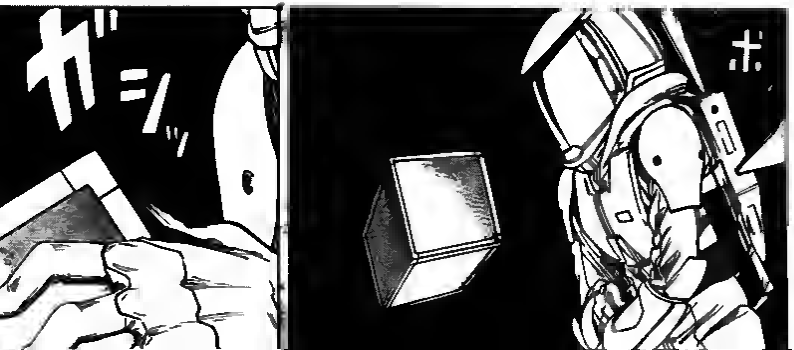
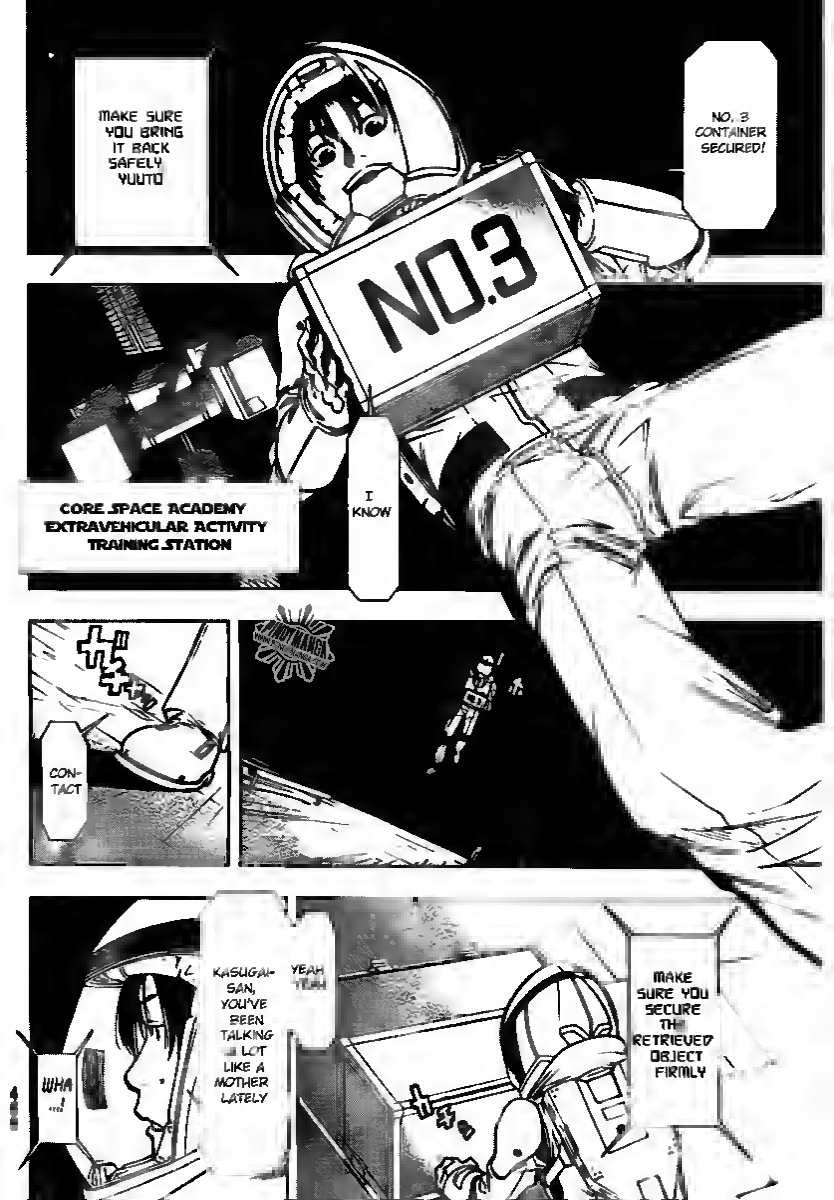
THE AWAITED TANKOUBON VOL 1
GOES ON SALE ON FEB 17 (FRI)!!

KIDA MASASHI

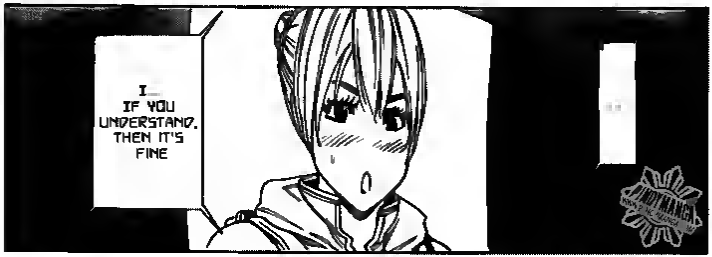
#10 EVA

THE ONE WHO CAME TO THE VAST AND ENDLESS SPACE IS...?

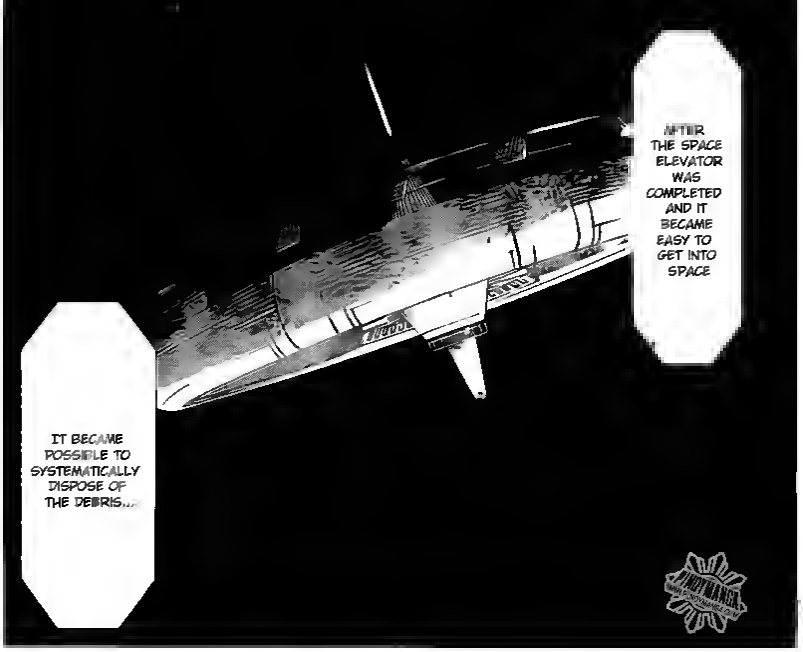



MAKE SURE YOU BRING IT BACK SAFELY YUUTO
NO. 3 CONTAINER SECURED!
NO.3
I KNOW
CORE SPACE ACADEMY EXTRAVEHICULAR ACTIVITY TRAINING STATION
CON-TACT
YEAH YEAH
KASUGAI-SAN, YOU'VE BEEN TALKING A LOT LIKE A MOTHER LATELY
WHA...!
MAKE SURE YOU SECURE THE RETRIEVED OBJECT FIRMLY

H-HOW RUDE!!
I'M JUST THINKING OF EVERYONE...
I'M KIDDING, I'M KIDDING
I UNDERSTAND
THANK YOU, KASUGAI-SAN

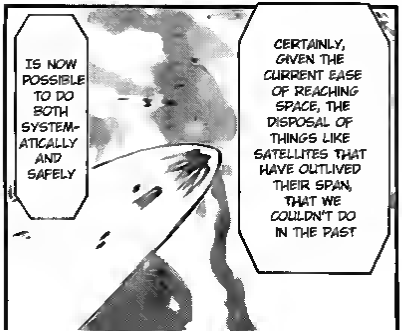

I... IF YOU UNDERSTAND, THEN IT'S FINE

GIVE ME THE LOCATION OF THE NEXT OBJECT FOR RETRIEVAL
ROGER
YOU CHECK THE PROPELLANT AS WELL
BUT...
WHY ARE WE DOING THIS KIND OF A DEBRIS COLLECTION EXERCISE?
QUITE A DECENT PERFORMANCE, SUBARU
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, INSTRUCTOR SHITARA


AFTER THE SPACE ELEVATOR WAS COMPLETED AND IT BECAME EASY TO GET INTO SPACE
IT BECAME POSSIBLE TO SYSTEMATICALLY DISPOSE OF THE DEBRIS...

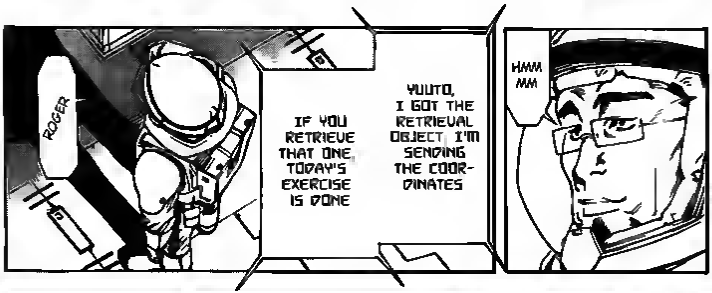
THE OPPOSITE ...?

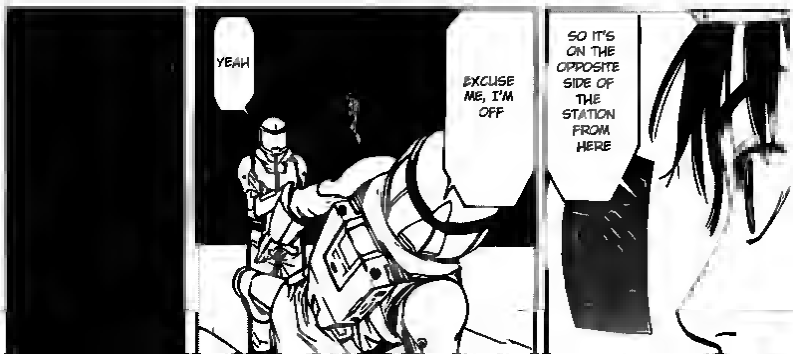
BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE THE OPPOSITE
PRECISELY BECAUSE IT BECAME EASY TO GET INTO SPACE, THIS TRAINING BECAME NECESSARY


IS NOW POSSIBLE TO DO BOTH SYSTEM-ATICALLY AND SAFELY
CERTAINLY, GIVEN THE CURRENT EASE OF REACHING SPACE, THE DISPOSAL OF THINGS LIKE SATELLITES THAT HAVE OUTLIVED THEIR SPAN, THAT WE COULDN'T DO IN THE PAST

IT'S NATURAL FOR GARBAGE TO INCREASE WHERE PEOPLE LIVE
HOWEVER, AS A GREAT NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE MOVED TO RESIDE IN SPACE THE AMOUNT OF GARBAGE HAS INCREASED
THESE ARE OBJECTS WE PRO ASTRONAUTS COLLECT IN THE EARLY STAGES
THIS TRAINING IS FOR THAT PURPOSE
WELL, MOST OF THE GARBAGE IS PROPERLY DISPOSED OF
THERE'S GARBAGE THAT GETS THROWN OUT WITHOUT BEING DISPOSED OF
BUT BECAUSE ANYONE CAN TAKE A LEISURE TRIP INTO SPACE NOW
I GET IT
IF YOU KEEP LOOKING ONLY TOWARD DEEP SPACE, YOUR PLACE TO RETURN TO WILL GET DEMOLISHED BY THE DEBRIS
SO THERE ARE JOBS LIKE THIS AS WELL
I SEE

EVEN I
THINK THAT NOW I HAVE TO SERIOUSLY REALIZE MY FULL POTENTIAL!!

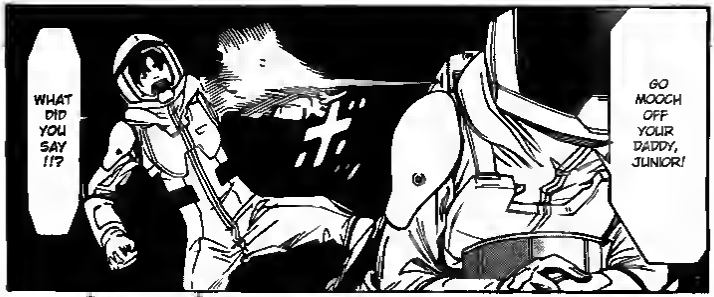

HMM MM
YUUTO, I GOT THE RETRIEVAL OBJECT. I'M SENDING THE COORDINATES
IF YOU RETRIEVE THAT ONE, TODAY'S EXERCISE IS DONE
ROGER


SO IT'S ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE STATION FROM HERE
EXCUSE ME, I'M OFF
YEAH

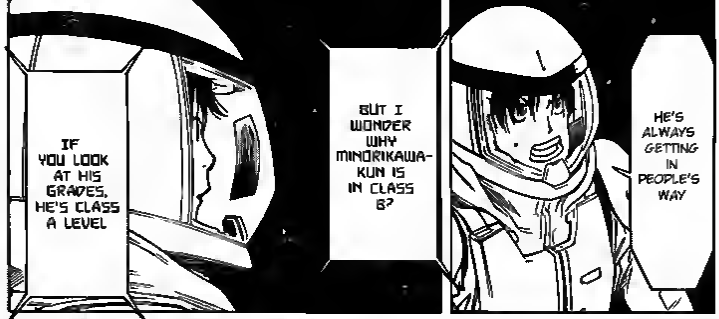
KUH
WHOA
THAT WAS CLOSE !!
I RUSHED TOO MUCH
NO.12
THAT'S IT!!
!!
AL-RIGHT !!
THIS IS THE END ....

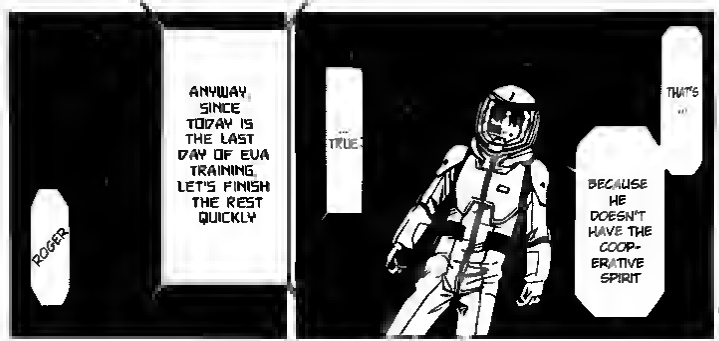
WHAT ARE YOU DOIN@!? THAT WAS DAN@EROUS!!
WHAT'S WRONG, YUUTO!?
SHI ..!
UWA AAH!
HMPH!
EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM
MINORI-KAWA!!
THERE'S NO EARLY OR LATE IN DEBRIS COLLECTION !!

WHAT DOES A CLASS DROPOUT UNDER-STAND!


GO MOOCH OFF YOUR DADDY, JUNIOR!
WHAT DID YOU SAY !!?

MINORIKAWA, YOU BASTARD! I'LL KICK YOUR ASS!!
!!
YUUTO, CALM DOWN. YOUR OXYGEN CONSUMPTION HAS INCREASED
DAM-MIT!
WHAT, MINORI-KAWA-KUN AGAIN?
YEAH

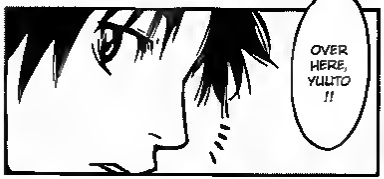

IF YOU LOOK AT HIS GRADES, HE'S CLASS A LEVEL
BUT I WONDER WHY MINORIKAWA-KUN IS IN CLASS B?
HE'S ALWAYS GETTING IN PEOPLE'S WAY


ROGER
ANYWAY, SINCE TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF EVA TRAINING, LET'S FINISH THE REST QUICKLY
...TRUE.
THAT'S ... BECAUSE HE DOESN'T HAVE THE COOP-ERATIVE SPIRIT

YEAH
WE'LL GO ON TO THE SHUTTLE THEN
BATH-ROOM
HUH, YUUTO !?
ALL ASCANS ARE TO BOARD AND STAND BY
THE RETURN SHUTTLE WILL DEPART SHORTLY

LOCK
THE SHUTTLE ENTRY IS LOCKED?
HUH !?

HAAA —
A LOT CAME OUT


OVER HERE, YUUTO !!

THEY'RE IN NO. 1
WHAT ABOUT GAKU AND SHIBATA-SAN?
YOU WERE LATE, YUUTO, SO NO 1 HAS FILLED UP ALREADY
IS THAT SHUTTLE NO. 2?

EVERYONE, CHECK YOUR SEAT BELTS!!
WE WILL NOW RETURN TO THE BEO STATION

COMMENCING DECELERATION!!

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I'M STILL NOT USED TO THE CONCEPT OF **DECELERATING IN ORDER TO CATCH UP** TO SOMETHING IN ORBIT

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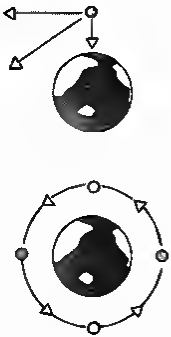
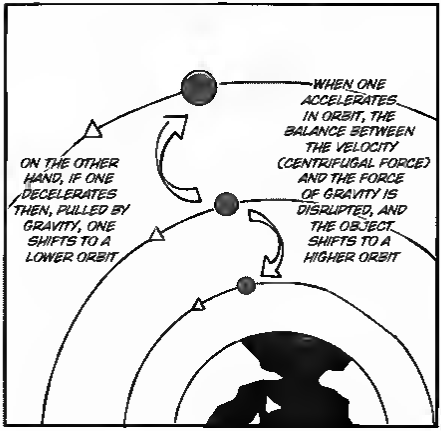
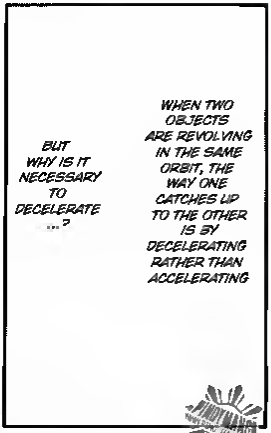
AND YET, THE REASON YOU DON'T FALL TO EARTH IS THAT BECAUSE YOU KEEP MOVING AT A SET HORIZONTAL SPEED, THAT VELOCITY AND THE FORCE OF GRAVITY BALANCE EACH OTHER, KEEPING YOU REVOLVING AROUND EARTH THAT CIRCULAR PATH IS CALLED AN "ORBIT".

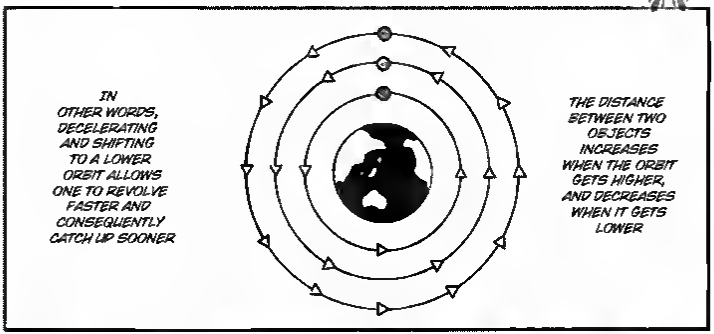


FLOATING IN SPACE DOESN'T MEAN THAT ONE IS OUTSIDE THE FORCE OF GRAVITY. EVEN IN A GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT 36,000 KM ABOVE EARTH'S SURFACE, THERE'S A CONSTANT FORCE OF GRAVITY EQUAL TO ABOUT 2% OF WHAT ONE EXPERIENCES ON THE SURFACE ITSELF.

THE LAWS OF MOTION IN ORBIT


WHEN ONE ACCELERATES IN ORBIT, THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE VELOCITY (CENTRIFUGAL FORCE) AND THE FORCE OF GRAVITY IS DISRUPTED, AND THE OBJECT SHIFTS TO A HIGHER ORBIT
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF ONE DECELERATES THEN, PULLED BY GRAVITY, ONE SHIFTS TO A LOWER ORBIT


WHEN TWO OBJECTS ARE REVOLVING IN THE SAME ORBIT, THE WAY ONE CATCHES UP TO THE OTHER IS BY DECELERATING RATHER THAN ACCELERATING
BUT WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO DECELERATE ...?


IN OTHER WORDS, DECELERATING AND SHIFTING TO A LOWER ORBIT ALLOWS ONE TO REVOLVE FASTER AND CONSEQUENTLY CATCH UP SOONER
THE DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO OBJECTS INCREASES WHEN THE ORBIT GETS HIGHER, AND DECREASES WHEN IT GETS LOWER

WHAT?

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IN SHORT, THE INSIDE ROUTE IS FASTER...

DEBRIS !?
DEBRIS ALARM
WE'LL RUN INTO IT IF WE STAY ON THIS COURSE!!
WE'RE APPROACHING A CLOUD OF MICRO-DEBRIS!!
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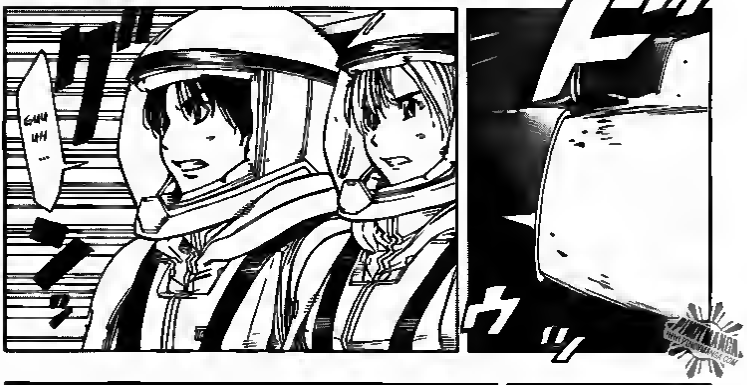
ACCE-LERATE AND INCREASE ALTITUDE !!
WE'LL BRUSH AGAINST IT AT THIS RATE!!
IT'S NOT WORKING, WE WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME!!
BREAK OUT OF THE ORBIT THAT WILL LEAD US TOWARD THE DEBRIS !!
KILL THE REVERSE THRUST !!
RO-GER !!

ALL HANDS, BRACE FOR IMPACT!!
A SUDDEN DEPRESS-URIZATION IS POS-SIBLE, SO PUT ON YOUR HELMETS !!
D-DEBRIS ...
ARE WE GOING TO BE ALRIGHT ?
CALM DOWN
IF YOU DEAL WITH IT LIKE YOU'VE BEEN TRAINED, THERE WON'T BE A PROBLEM!!
ACCELE-RATING!!


GAH! UH...
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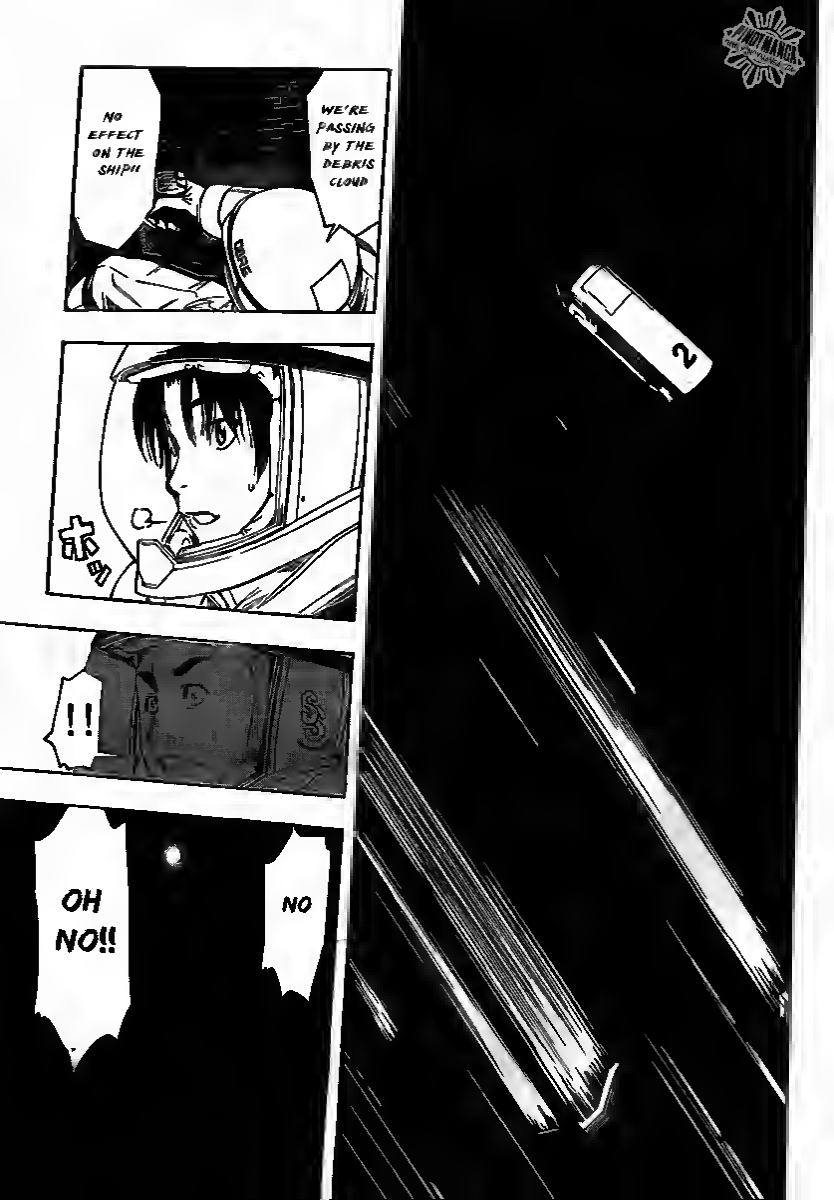
I- I KNEW IT...
THERE'S A LOT OF DEBRIS STILL LEFT
SENSORS CAN'T PICK UP MICRO-DEBRIS
AT THIS ALTITUDE, THE SPEED IS 3 KM/S
NORMALLY, THE BUMPER WOULD PROTECT US, BUT...

HERE IT IS!!
WE MADE IT!!


WE'RE PASSING BY THE DEBRIS CLOUD
NO EFFECT ON THE SHIP!!
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NO
OH NO!!
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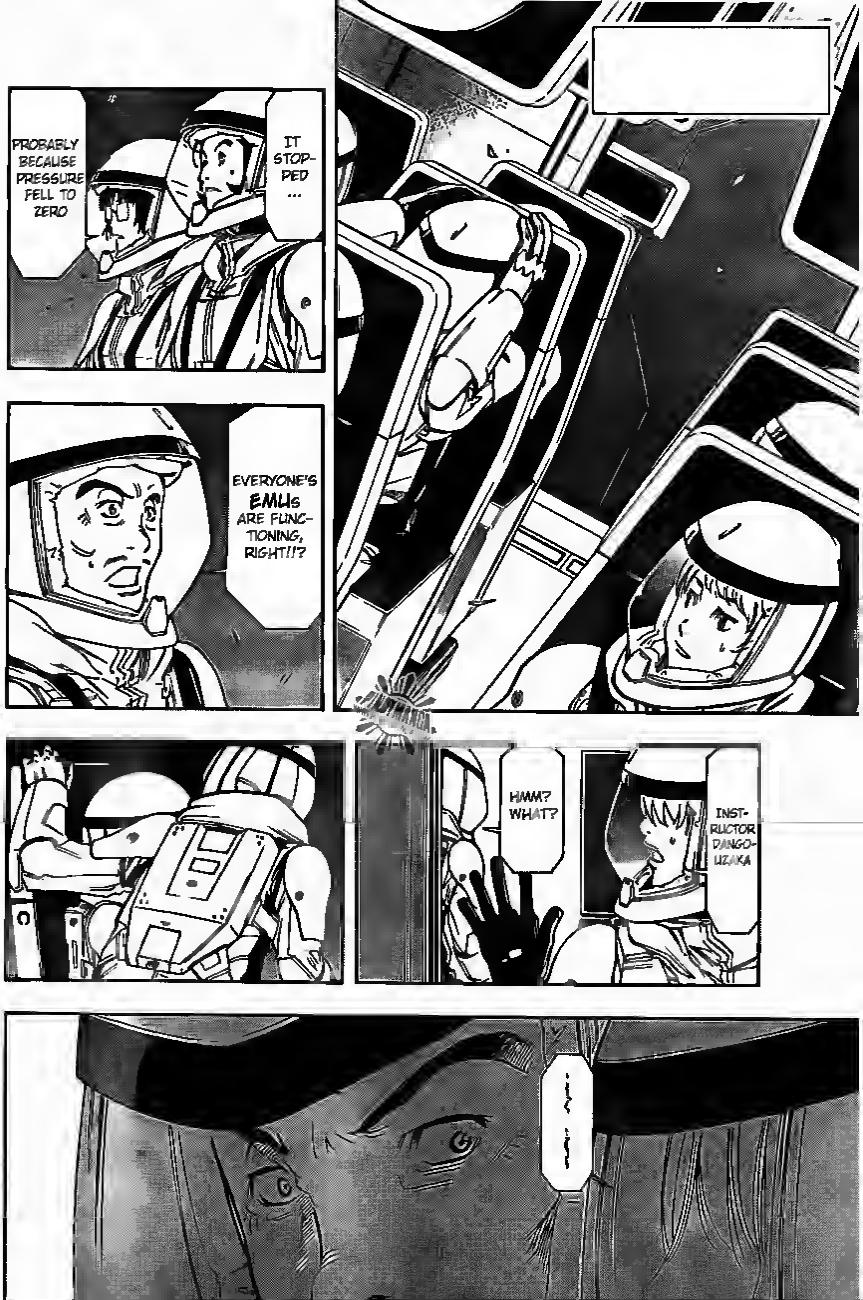
SHUTTLE
NO. 1...

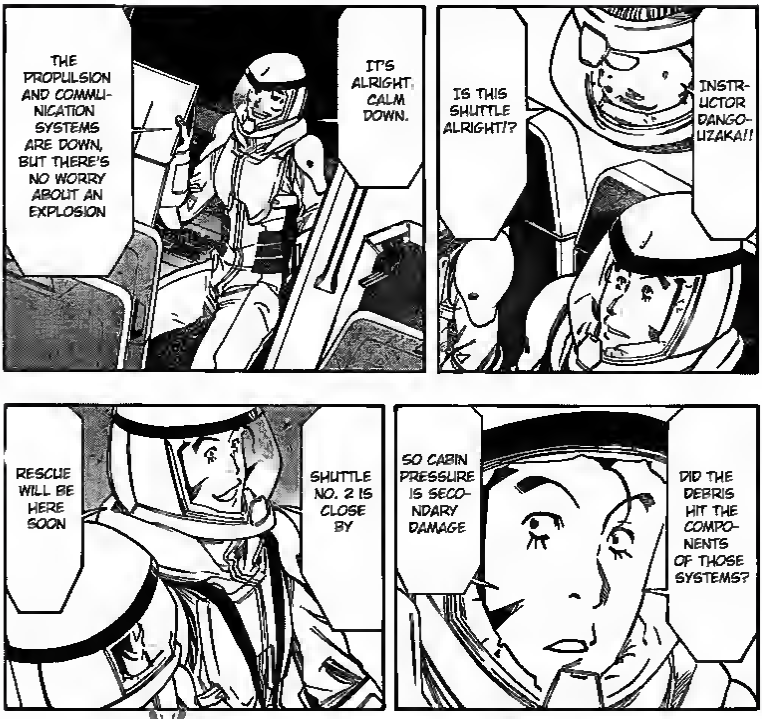
NO. 1 IS TAKING HITS!!
HULL BREACHED !!
DEPRESS-URIZATION CONFIRMED !!
GAKU!!
SHIBATA -SAN!!
THE UNEXPECTED IN SPACE! AND THEN... DEATH!!
To be continued!!

TANKOUBON VOL.1 IS OUT ON SALE TO RAVE REVIEWS!!
STAR CHILDREN
スターチルドレン
KIDA MASASHI
#11 RESCUE
SCRAMBLE! THE SPACE SHOWS ITS FANGS!!
WHAT'S THIS SMOKE!?
UWOO OOH!!
AM I REA-LLY?
SHIBATA, HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM?
THE SUDDEN DEPRESSU-RIZATION PRODUCED A FOG
PROBABLY A HOLE WAS RIPPED IN THE HULL FROM THE IMPACT JUST NOW


IT STOPPED ...
PROBABLY BECAUSE PRESSURE FELL TO ZERO
EVERYONE'S EMUs ARE FUNCTIONING, RIGHT!!?
INSTRUCTOR DANGOUZAKA
HMM? WHAT?
HE'S

スター チルドレン

STAR CHILDREN



AT THIS RATE, THE GUYS IN NO. 1 WILL ALL PERISH!!
PERISH !?
WE'RE SENDING A SIGNAL FOR HELP TO THE GEO STATION HQ AND ALSO REPORTING ON THE SITUATION
THE RESCUE SQUAD IS ALREADY HEADED THIS WAY
YOU CAN TELL JUST BY LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW
YOU UNDER-STAND THIS TOO, DON'T YOU?

YOU CAN SEE THAT NO. 1'S CARGO HOLD HAS BEEN BREACHED AND ITS LIFE BOATS AND AIR HAVE BEEN EXPELLED
AT THIS RATE, NO. 1 WON'T HAVE ENOUGH AIR UNTIL RESCUE ARRIVES!
I... IS THIS REALLY TRUE!?
INSTR-UCTOR SHITA-RA!?
...YEAH
IT'S THE TRUTH
THEN WE HAVE TO GO AND SAVE THEM!!
SINCE WE'RE THE ONES CLOSEST TO THEM --
YOU MUST-N'T!!
!

RESCUE OPERATIONS ARE DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS EVEN FOR TRAINED ASTRONAUTS!!
IF INEXPERIENCED PEOPLE GO, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IF THERE'S SECONDARY DAMAGE!!?
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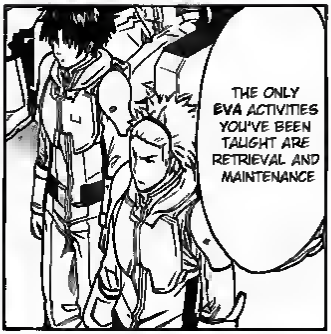
ARE YOU GOING TO LISTEN TO A GUY LIKE THAT!?
WHAT CHIEF KEISAN SAYS IS CORRECT
RESCUE OPERATIONS IN SPACE ARE FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN THOSE ON EARTH
ALSO, THE THEORY SAYS THAT RESCUE IS CARRIED OUT IN TWO PERSON CELLS
SINCE THE PILOT CAN'T LET GO OF THE CONTROLS, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE

I'LL GO TOO !!
M-ME TOO..!
WE'LL HAVE A TWO PERSON CELL
THEN I'LL GO
YOU'RE TOO NAIVE!!
THIS SITUATION IS NOT AS SIMPLE AS YOU THINK IT IS!!

AND WE HAVE TO TRANSPORT OVER 40 PEOPLE FROM A SHIP IN THAT STATE TO HERE!!

NO. 1'S PROPULSION SYSTEM IS INOPERABLE AND ITS BEARING IS UNSTABLE

THE DAMAGE WILL ONLY INCREASE, AS CHIEF KEISAN SAID
IF I LET BABIES LIKE YOU ENGAGE IN RESCUE OPERATIONS

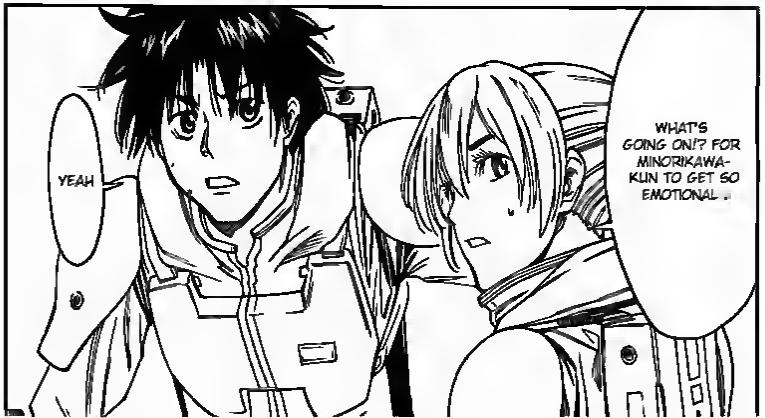

THE ONLY EVA ACTIVITIES YOU'VE BEEN TAUGHT ARE RETRIEVAL AND MAINTENANCE

YOU'RE JUST GOING TO ABANDON THE GUYS IN NO. 1!?
SO THEN

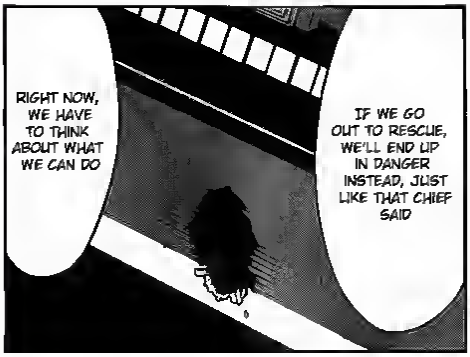
TRUE BUT
BUT THEN

IF YOU KNOW THEY WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME, THEN IT'S AS GOOD AS ABANDONING THEM!!
THE RESCUE SQUAD IS CURRENTLY HEADED HERE
WE'RE NOT ABANDONING THEM
WA-! CALM DOWN, MINORI-KAWA!!
AND STILL, YOU'RE ...
SHUT UP!!

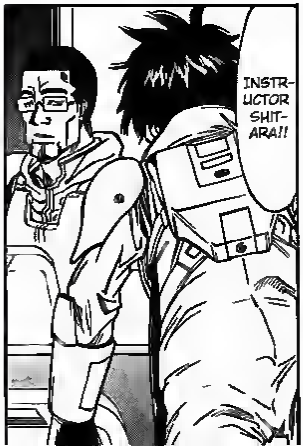
YUUTO !!
GUH ...!
THANKS
ARE YOU OKAY?


YEAH
WHAT'S GOING ON!? FOR MINORIKAWA-KUN TO GET SO EMOTIONAL...

I WANT TO HEAD OUT TO SAVE THEM TOO
BUT I KNOW HOW HE FEELS


RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO
IF WE GO OUT TO RESCUE, WE'LL END UP IN DANGER INSTEAD, JUST LIKE THAT CHIEF SAID

BUT WE CAN'T RUSH THINGS
I'M THE SAME


INSTRUCTOR SHITARA!!

THAT'S IT!!
YUUTO!?

WHAT WE CAN DO...
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IF RESCUE IS DIFFICULT
LET'S AT LEAST IMPROVE THE SITUATION WITH NO. 1
IN THAT CASE, EVEN IF WE CAN'T RESCUE THEM
WE CAN MAKE THEIR OXYGEN LAST UNTIL THE RESCUE SQUAD ARRIVES
FIRST, WE'LL SEAL THE HOLE IN NO. 1'S HULL
THEN, WE'LL DELIVER SPARE OXYGEN FROM OUR SHUTTLE
IMPROVE THE SITUATION WITH NO. 1?

I TOLD YOU, YOU MUST-N'T!!
BUT
IT'S THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO NOW!!
EVEN IF THIS ISN'T RESCUE OPERATIONS, THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE TO GO TO A SHIP THAT HAS SUFFERED AN ACCIDENT IS NO DIFF-ERENT!!
IT'S TOO LATE AFTER SOMETHING HAS ALREADY HAPPENED!!
...
PLEASE!!

CHIEF KEISAN, I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS
PLEASE LET US HEAD OUT TO RELIEVE NO. 1!!
DON'T BE STUPID!!
THIS PROBLEM IS NOT SOMETHING A MID-GRADE ARCTURUS ASTRONAUT CAN BE RESPONSIBLE FOR!!
I CAN'T ABANDON MY PRECIOUS STUDENTS!!
I UNDERSTAND... BUT
ALRIGHT, SHITARA, FOLLOW YOUR OWN JUDGMENT
!!
WHA-AAT!?

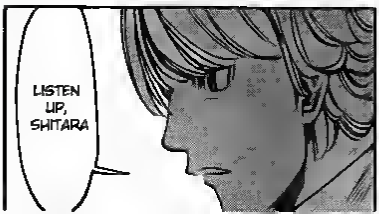
I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY!!
EVEN IBUSUKI
ME TOO
JIGAMI ...
IF A SIRIUS (SPECIAL GRADE) AND A CANOPUS (TOP GRADE) PUT THEIR HEADS TOGETHER YOU WON'T COMPLAIN WILL YOU?
CHIEF KEISAN
GH... GGG-HH
BRATS

I'M NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENS!!
DO AS YOU PLEASE !!
SIRIO

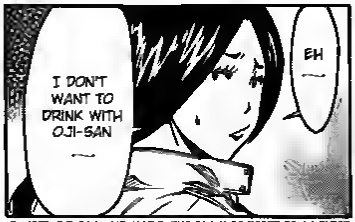
HMM !?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHIEF

I'LL MAKE ALL NECESSARY PREPA-RATIONS
... HMPH

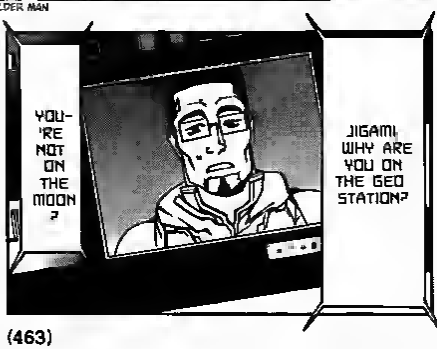
EVEN JIGAMI ADOPTED A FORCEFUL ATTITUDE, I THINK
BECAUSE WE KNEW THAT YOU'D RELENT


LISTEN UP, SHITARA

BUT LET ME TELL YOU



TL NOTE: OJI-SAN = LIT. UNCLE. BUT CAN ALSO REFER TO AN OLDER MAN



DIRECTOR SUBARU WILL BE HERE SHORTLY AS WELL

SELECT TWO FROM AMONG THE ASCANS AND BRING THEM FOR SUPPORT
BUT IT'S DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO GO OUT THERE ALONE
SHITARA I'M LEAVING THE DECISIONS AT THE SCENE TO YOU
KEEP REPORTING ON THE SITUATION!
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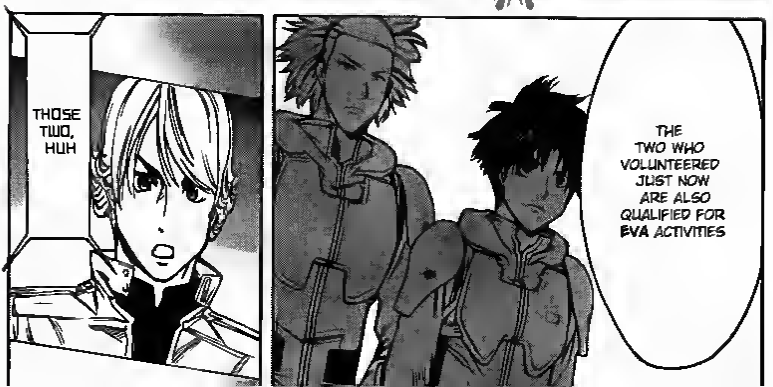
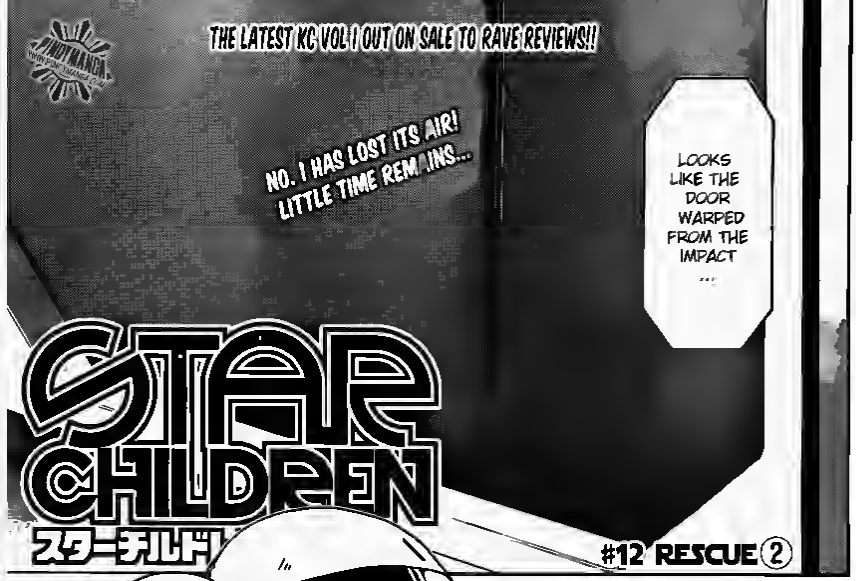
.. IN THAT CASE

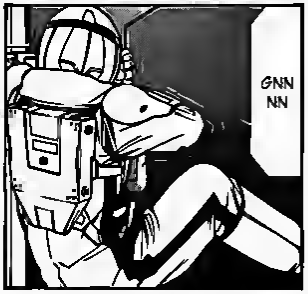

THOSE TWO, HUH
THE TWO WHO VOLUNTEERED JUST NOW ARE ALSO QUALIFIED FOR EVA ACTIVITIES

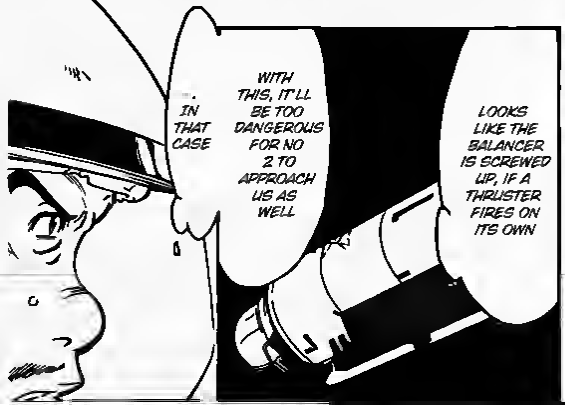
LISTEN UP, KIDS
DON'T GET CONCEITED ABOUT YOU BEING CHOSEN
EVEN IF WE PUT THE TWO OF YOU TOGETHER YOU'RE STILL FAR FROM AN ADULT
FOLLOW SHITARA'S INSTRUCTIONS, DON'T ACT ON YOUR OWN
PILOT, CONCENTRATE ON FLYING
COORDINATE WITH SHITARA AND ASSUME THE BEST POSITION
THE REST OF THE ASCANS, CONCENTRATE ON OBSERVING AND COMMUNICATE WITH THE HQ
BUT DON'T MAKE THE INFORMATION TOO INTRICATE
COMPILE THE INFORMATION COLLECTED AND SEND IT TO THE HQ
I'M LEAVING IT TO THE PROCESSING ABILITY OF A FORMER CLASS A MEMBER
KASUGAI AKARI

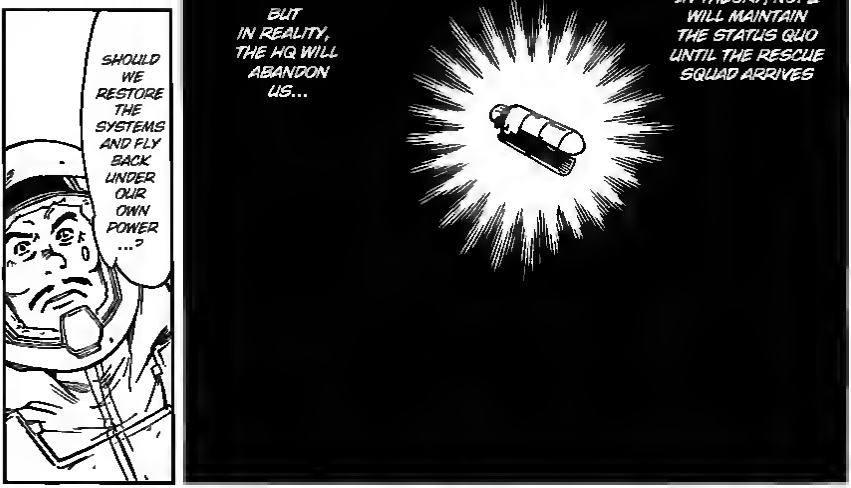
WITH UNEASE AND ANXIETY GRIPPING THE HEART, HEAD OUT INTO THE BLACKEST DARKNESS---.

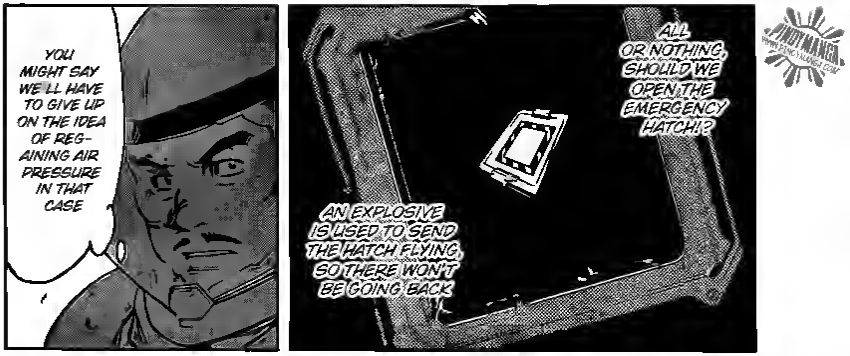
THE LATEST KC VOL 1 OUT ON SALE TO RAVE REVIEWS!!



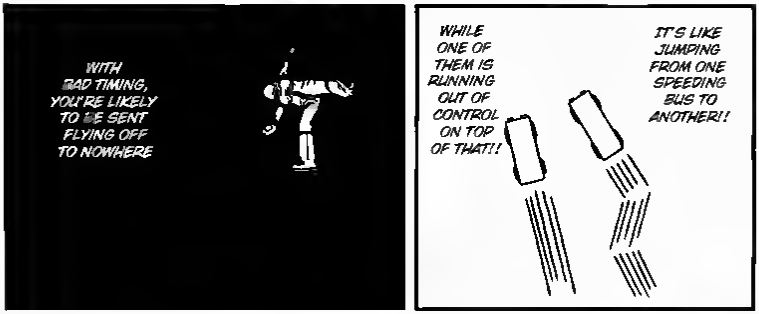


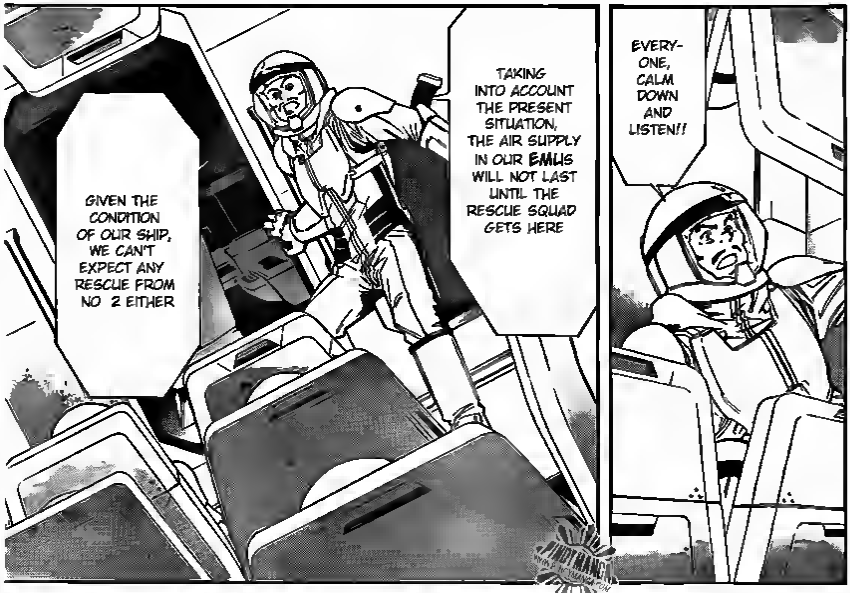



SHOULD WE RESTORE THE SYSTEMS AND FLY BACK UNDER OUR OWN POWER ...?
BUT IN REALITY, THE HQ WILL ABANDON US...
IN THEORY, NO. 2 WILL MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO UNTIL THE RESCUE SQUAD ARRIVES


YOU MIGHT SAY WE'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP ON THE IDEA OF REGAINING AIR PRESSURE IN THAT CASE
ALL OR NOTHING, SHOULD WE OPEN THE EMERGENCY HATCH!?
AN EXPLOSIVE IS USED TO SEND THE HATCH FLYING, SO THERE WON'T BE GOING BACK

CAN I GET 40 ASCANs WITH INSUFFICIENT EVA TRAINING SAFELY TO NO. 2!?
BUT IF WE OPEN IT, WHAT THEN!?

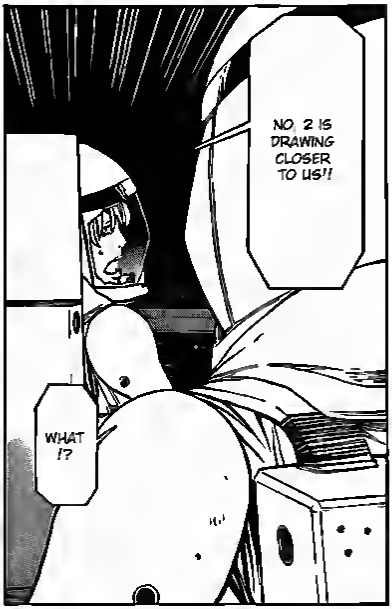

WITH BAD TIMING, YOU'RE LIKELY TO BE SENT FLYING OFF TO NOWHERE
WHILE ONE OF THEM IS RUNNING OUT OF CONTROL ON TOP OF THAT!!
IT'S LIKE JUMPING FROM ONE SPEEDING BUS TO ANOTHER!!

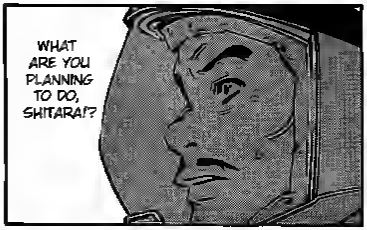

GIVEN THE CONDITION OF OUR SHIP, WE CAN'T EXPECT ANY RESCUE FROM NO 2 EITHER
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRESENT SITUATION, THE AIR SUPPLY IN OUR EMUS WILL NOT LAST UNTIL THE RESCUE SQUAD GETS HERE
EVERY-ONE, CALM DOWN AND LISTEN!!

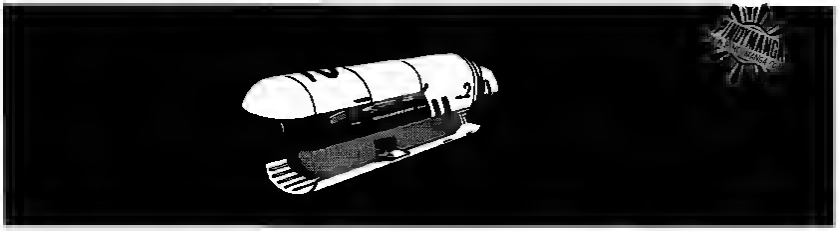
INSTR-UCTOR DANG-OUZAKA !!
THERE-FORE . .
WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO US!?
OH-OH NO ...

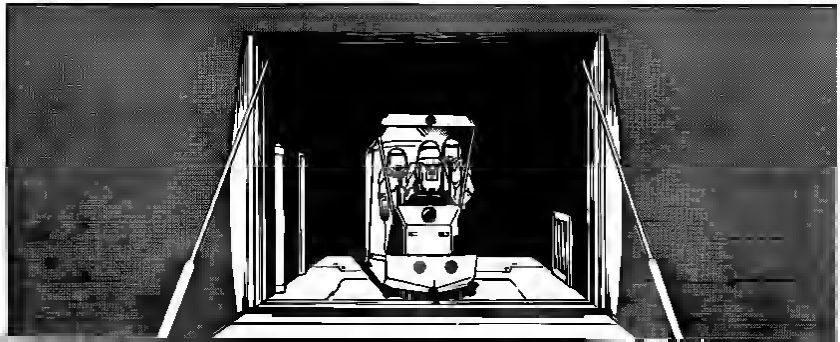
スター チルドレン

STAR CHILDREN





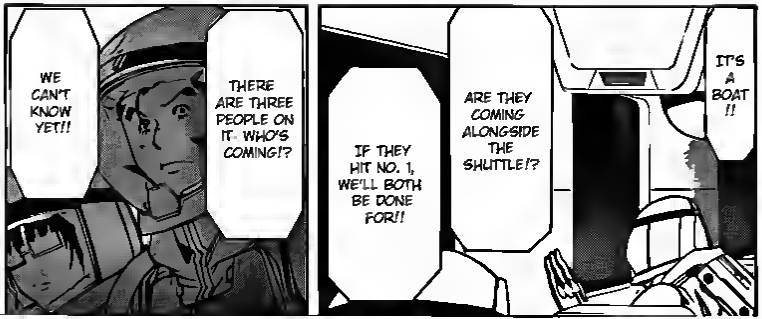


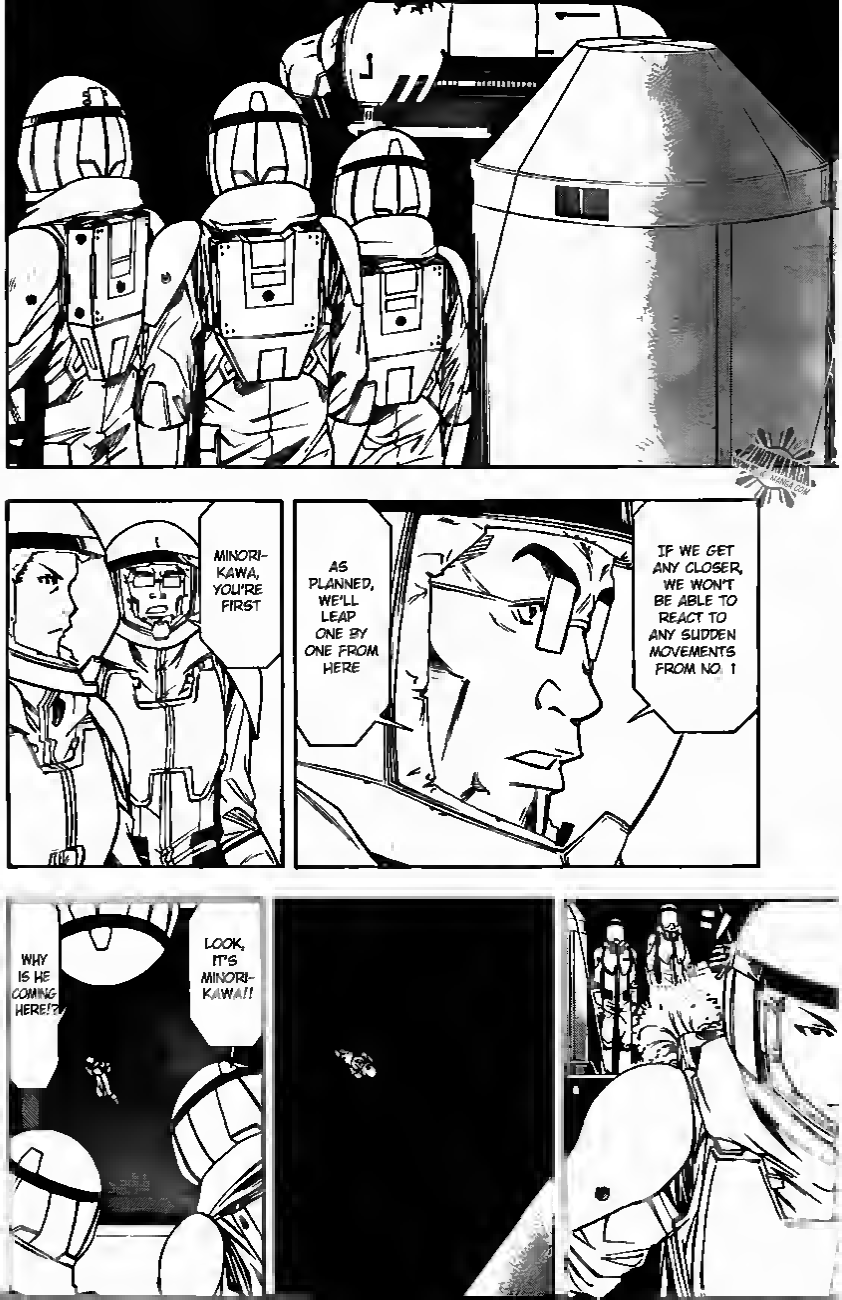


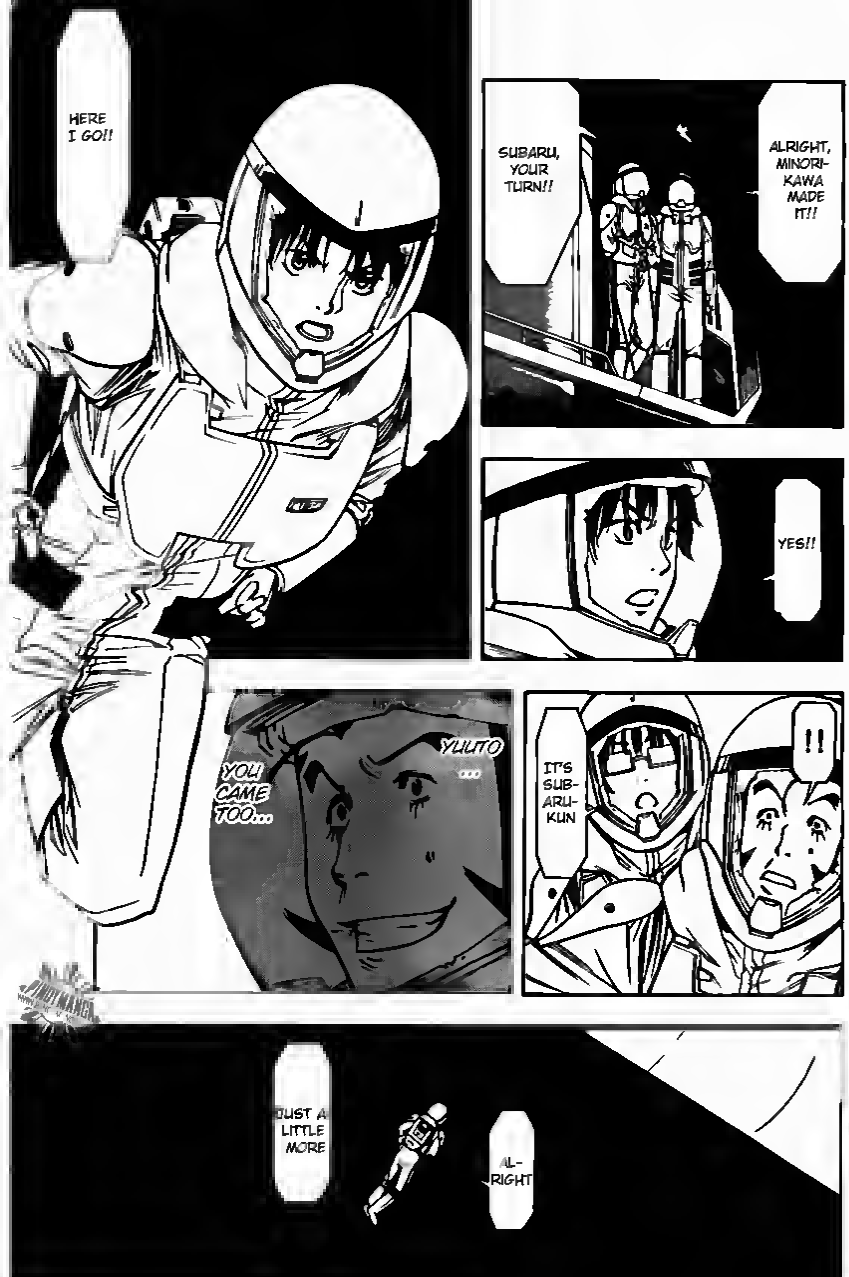
STARTING NOW, WE WILL TOUCH DOWN ON NO. 1 CARRYING SPARE OXYGEN
LET'S DO THE FINAL RECAP OF OUR MISSION
AFTER WE TOUCH DOWN, WE WILL FIRST ATTACH THE SPARE OXYGEN TO NO. 1'S EXTERIOR UNIT
FOLLOWING THAT, WE WILL SEAL THE HOLE IN THEIR HULL PROVIDED THERE AREN'T TWO OR MORE OF THEM
OVER
AFTER THAT'S COMPLETED, WE WILL START LETTING THE AIR IN WHILE CHECKING THAT THE SHIP IS AIRTIGHT

STAR CHILDREN

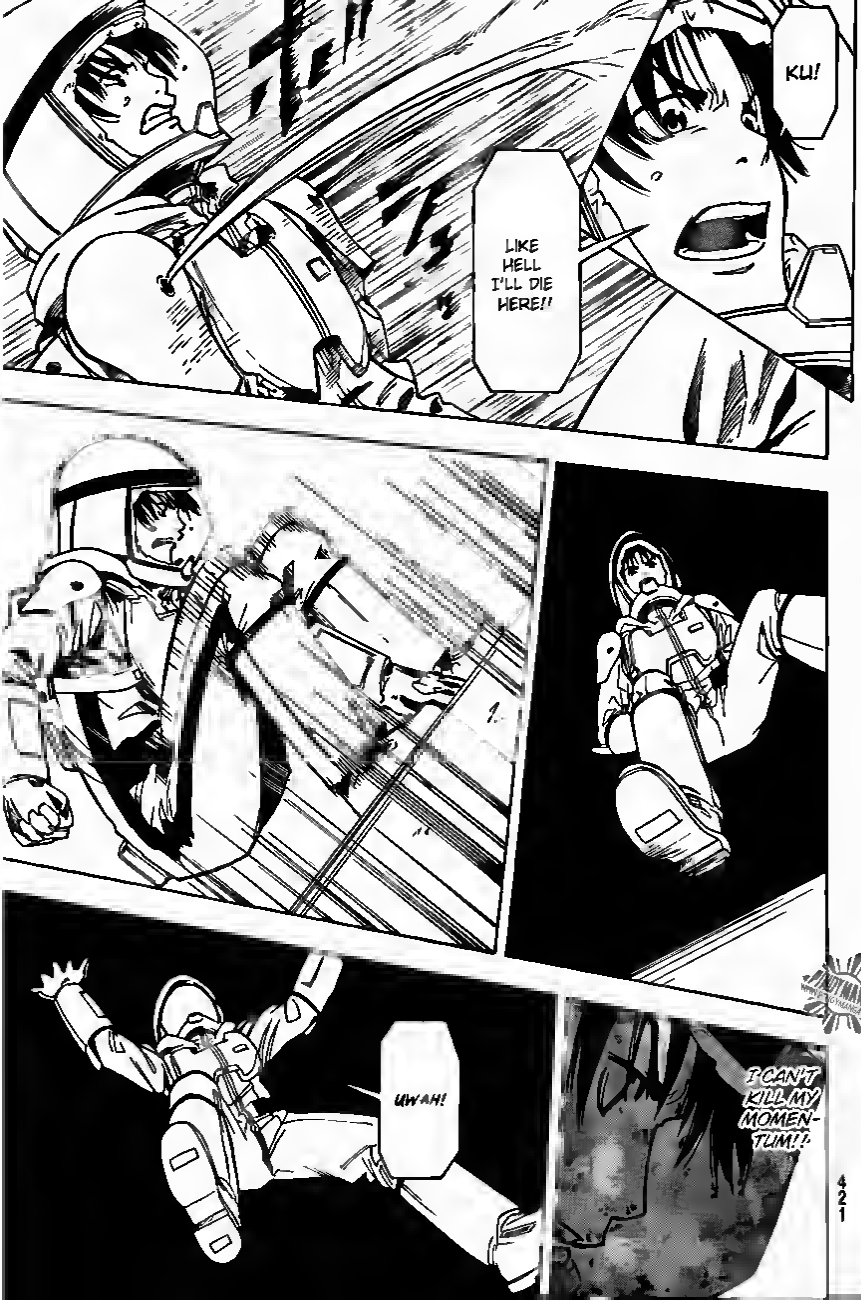
AND SO, WE'RE OFF!!


WE CAN'T KNOW YET!!
THERE ARE THREE PEOPLE ON IT. WHO'S COMING!?
IF THEY HIT NO. 1, WE'LL BOTH BE DONE FOR!!
ARE THEY COMING ALONGSIDE THE SHUTTLE!?
IT'S A BOAT !!


IF WE GET ANY CLOSER, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO REACT TO ANY SUDDEN MOVEMENTS FROM NO. 1
AS PLANNED, WE'LL LEAP ONE BY ONE FROM HERE
MINORI-KAWA, YOU'RE FIRST
LOOK, IT'S MINORI-KAWA!!
WHY IS HE COMING HERE!?


HERE I GO!!
SUBARU, YOUR TURN!!
ALRIGHT, MINORI-KAWA MADE IT!!
YES!!
YUUTO ...
YOU CAME TOO...
!!
IT'S SUBARU-KUN
JUST A LITTLE MORE
AL-RIGHT

!!
THIS TIMING IS TERRIBLE !!
HE'LL GET SENT FLYING OFF AT THIS RATE !!
YUUTO!!


KU!
LIKE HELL I'LL DIE HERE!!
UWAH!
I CAN'T KILL MY MOMENTUM!!

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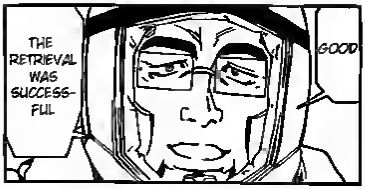
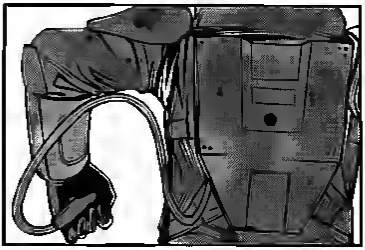
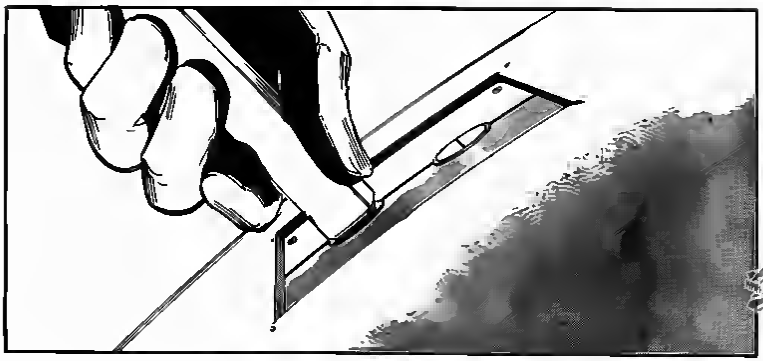
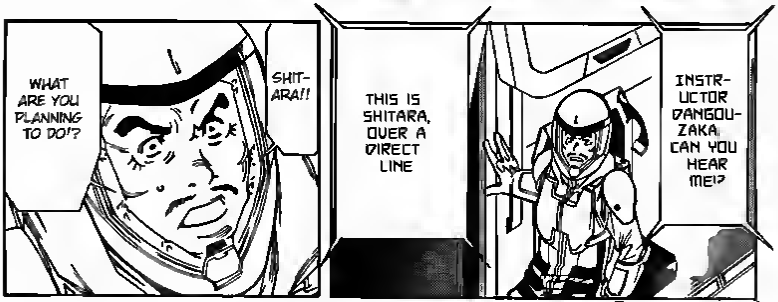
MINORI-KAWA
TH-THANKS

IT'S TROUBLESOME IF MORE PEOPLE END UP NEEDING RESCUE
GET READY TO RETRIEVE IT
ROGER
THE INSTRUCTOR IS SENDING OVER THE OXYGEN TANK
IT SEEMS MINORIKAWA-KUN SAVED HIM
D-DID HE MAKE IT!?

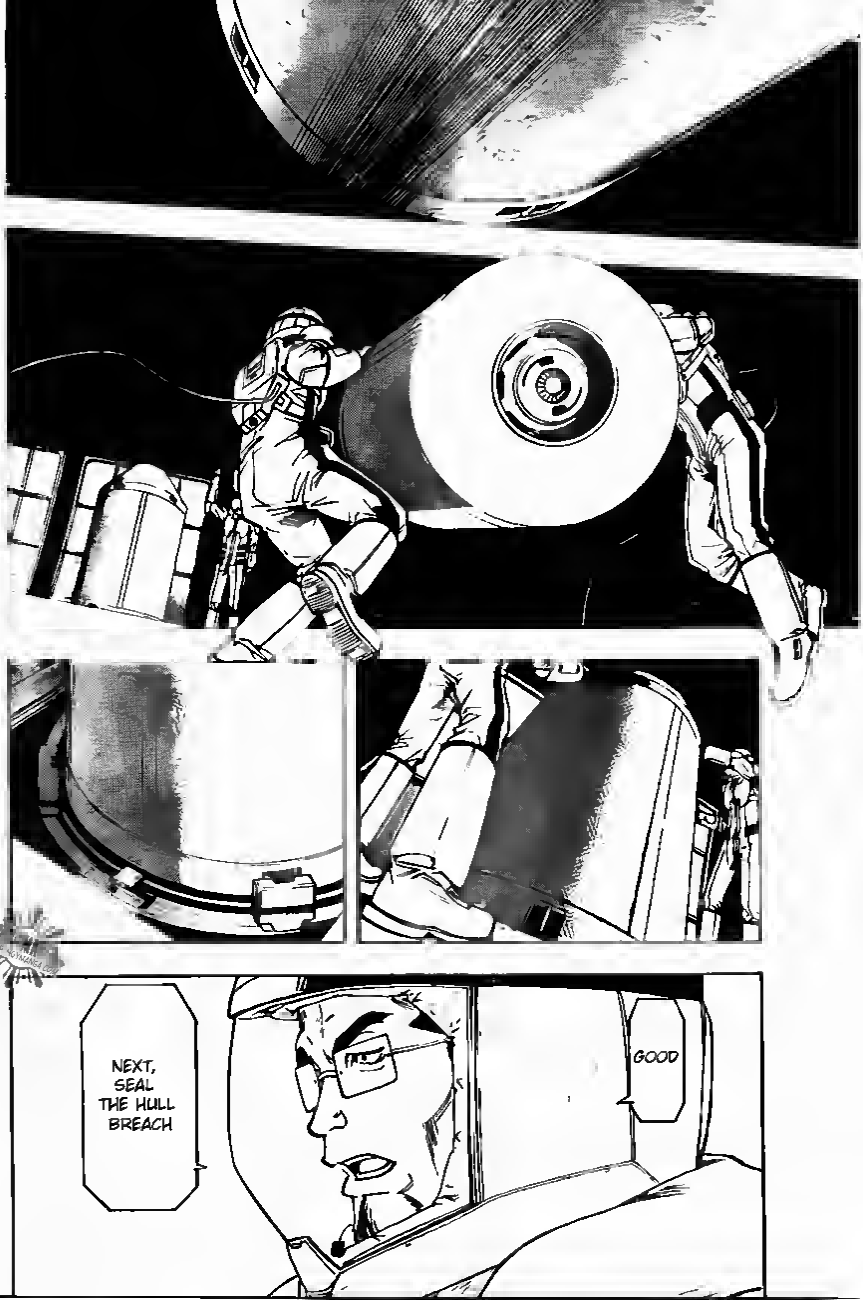

THE RETRIEVAL WAS SUCCESS-FUL
GOOD






WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO!?
SHIT-ARA!!
THIS IS SHITARA, OVER A DIRECT LINE
INSTR-UCTOR DANGOU-ZAKA, CAN YOU HEAR ME!?

YEAH!!
WE'LL BE SAVED !!
IF WE DO THAT, YOUR AIR SHOULD LAST UNTIL THE RESCUE SQUAD GETS HERE
RIGHT NOW WE'RE GOING TO SEAL THE HULL BREACH
AND THEN INJECT SPARE OXYGEN FROM NO 2
DID HE MANAGE TO CONVINCE THE HQ?
SHIT- ARA ...
ALRIGHT, BEGIN!!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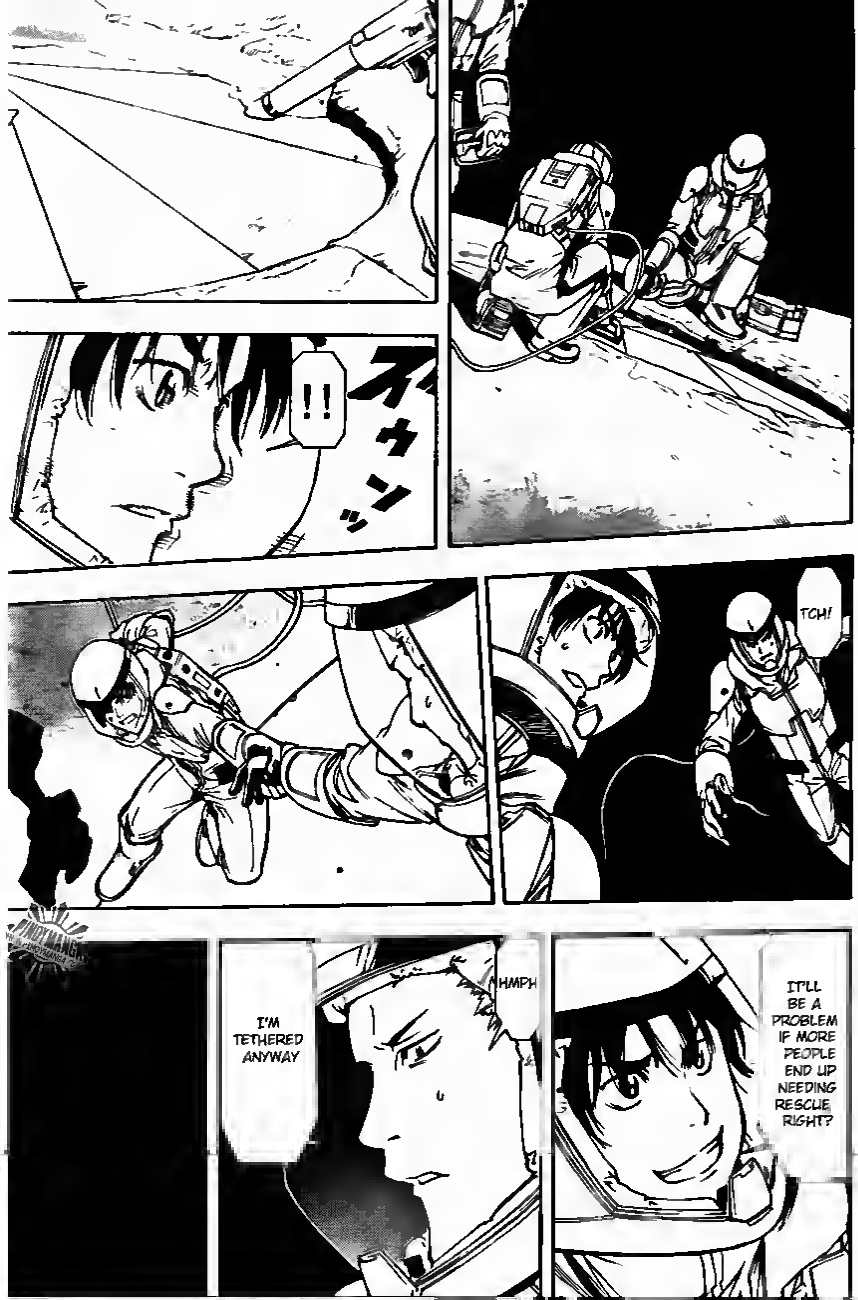
NEXT, SEAL THE HULL BREACH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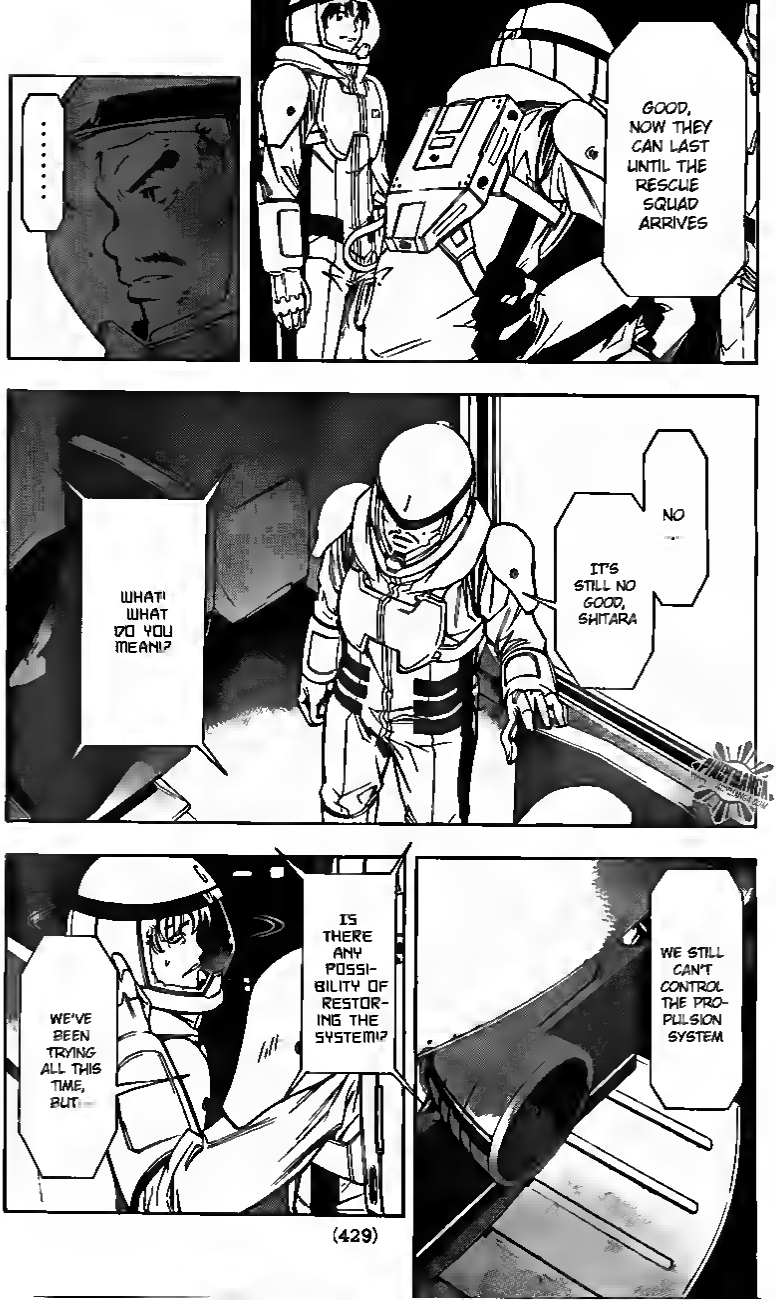
TCH!
I'M TETHERED ANYWAY
HMPH
IT'LL BE A PROBLEM IF MORE PEOPLE END UP NEEDING RESCUE, RIGHT?

YES, GOOD JOB!!
WE'RE DONE!!
DANGOU-ZAKA, OUR WORK HERE IS OVER!!
WE'LL NOW BEGIN INJECTING OXYGEN, PLEASE CHECK THAT YOU'RE AIRTIGHT!!
NO LEAKS DETECTED !!


GOOD, NOW THEY CAN LAST UNTIL THE RESCUE SQUAD ARRIVES
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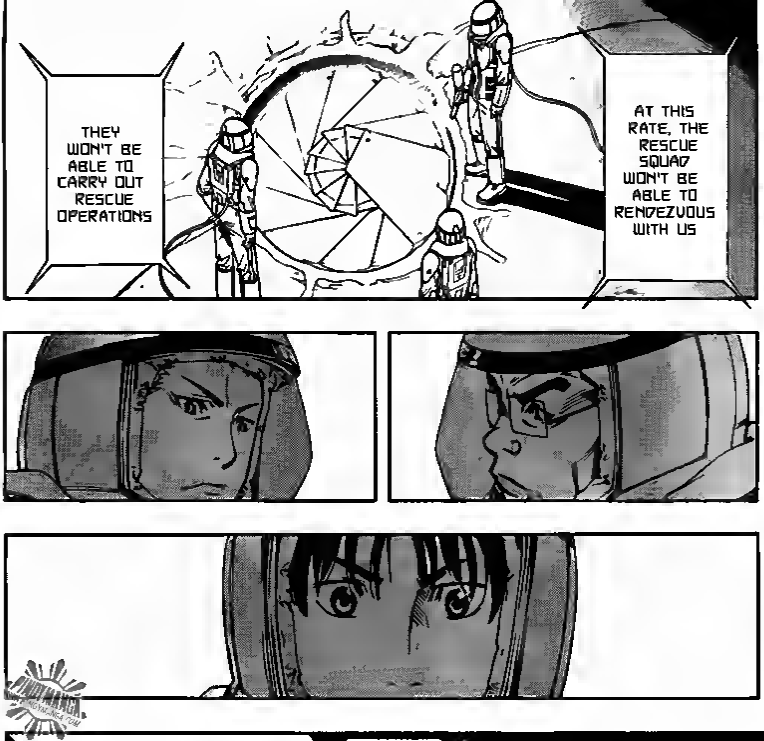
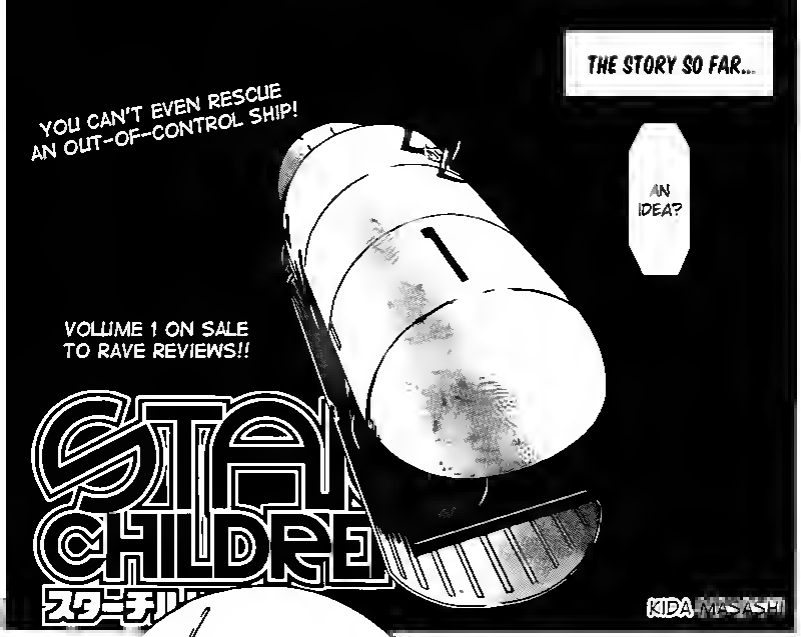
NO
IT'S STILL NO GOOD, SHIMARA
WHAT! WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
IS THERE ANY POSSI-BILITY OF RESTOR-ING THE SYSTEM!?
WE'VE BEEN TRYING ALL THIS TIME, BUT
WE STILL CAN'T CONTROL THE PRO-PULSION SYSTEM



ONE PROBLEM AFTER ANOTHER!! CAN YUUTO'S SMARTS SAVE NO. !!?

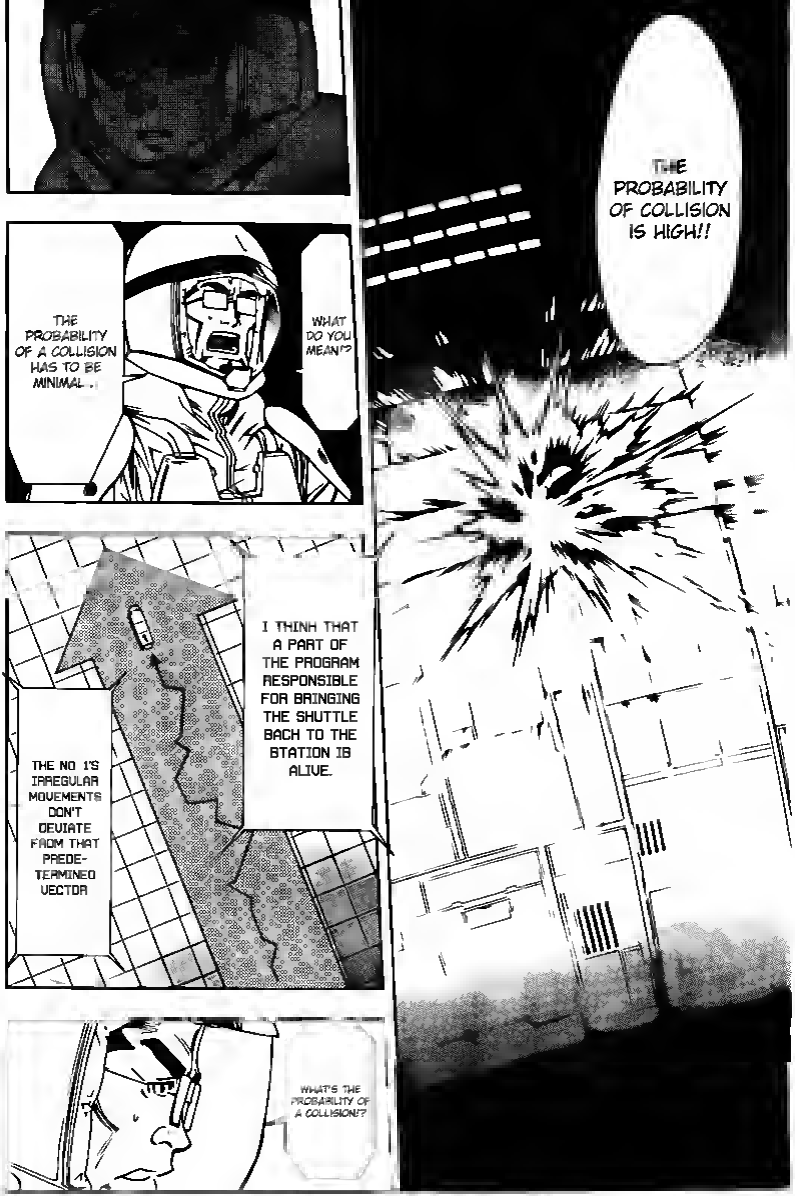

THE STORY SO FAR...
YOU CAN'T EVEN RESCUE AN OUT-OF-CONTROL SHIP!
AN IDEA?
VOLUME 1 ON SALE TO RAVE REVIEWS!!
STAR CHILDREN
スターチル
KIDA MASASHI

#13 ASCAN

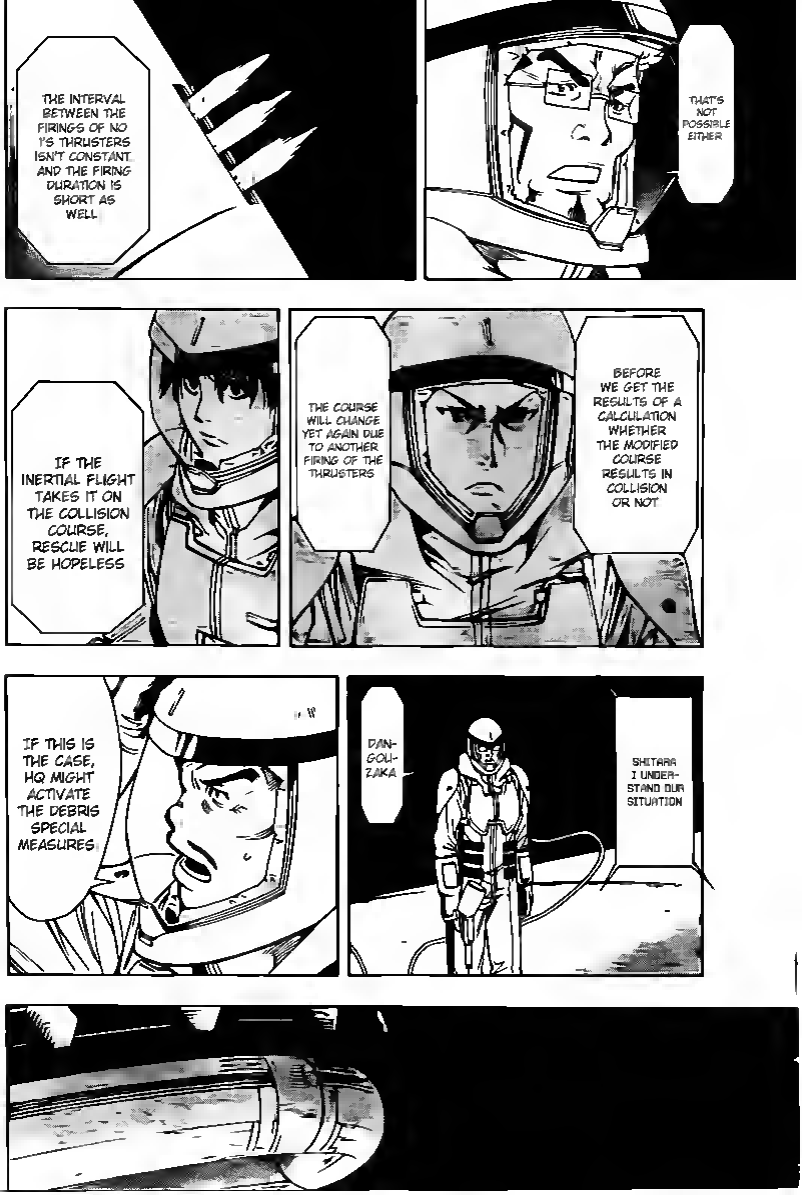
RIGHT NOW, NO. 1 IS OUT OF CONTROL AND WE DON'T KNOW HOW IT'S GOING TO MOVE.
IN THAT CASE...

CAN'T WE TAKE THE PROPULSION SYSTEM OFFLINE!?
IF WE KILL THE SYSTEM, THE SHIP WILL JUST KEEP GOING INERTIALLY.
THE RESCUE SQUAD WILL BE ABLE TO RENDEZVOUS WITH IT SOON AND COMMENCE RESCUE OPERATIONS.
THE CHANCES OF RESTORING THE SYSTEM ARE 50-50.
BEING ABLE TO TAKE IT OFFLINE IS GUARANTEED.
I SEE.
WE WERE TOO CONCERNED ABOUT BEING ABANDONED BY HQ, AND KEPT THINKING ABOUT BRINGING THE SYSTEM BACK UP.
AL-RIGHT!
SHITARA, IN THAT CASE—

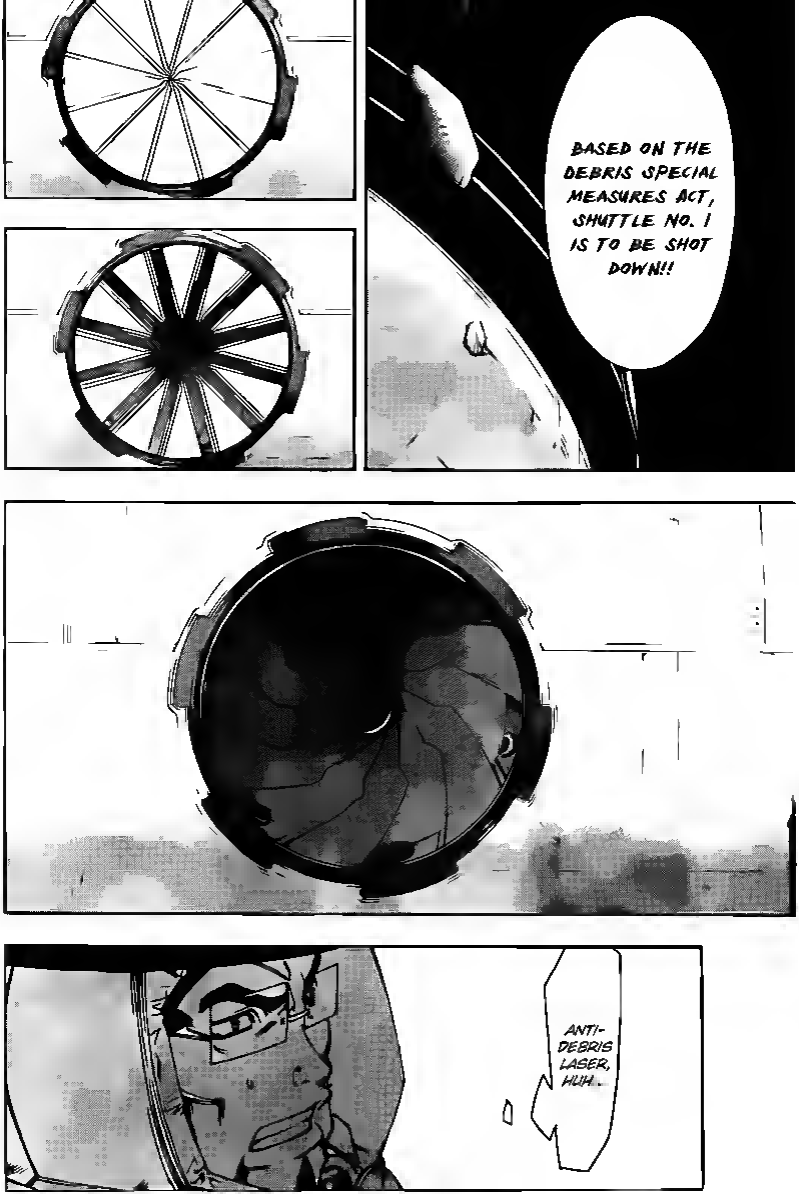
HASUBAI-SAN, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
!!
NO... WE CAN'T DO EITHER
I'VE CALCULATED NO. 1'S PREDICTED ORBIT FOLLOWING ITS COLLISION WITH THE DEBRIS.
AT THIS RATE, THE COURSE OF NO. 1 AND THE GEO STATION WILL INTERSECT...
GEO STATION
SHUTTLE 01


THE PROBABILITY OF COLLISION IS HIGH!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
THE PROBABILITY OF A COLLISION HAS TO BE MINIMAL.
I THINK THAT A PART OF THE PROGRAM RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THE SHUTTLE BACK TO THE STATION IS ALIVE.
THE NO 1'S IRREGULAR MOVEMENTS DON'T DEVIATE FROM THAT PREDE-TERMINED VECTOR
WHAT'S THE PROBABILITY OF A COLLISION!?

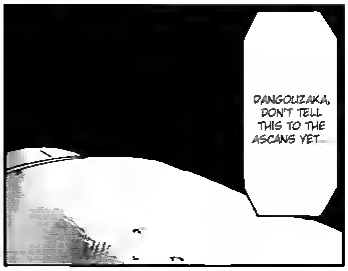
99.
42%
CERTAINLY THERE WERE NO JETS FIRED THAT WOULD MODIFY THE ORBIT SIGNIFICANTLY...
IT'S ALMOST 100%...
OH NO...
EVEN IF IT'S A SMALL DEVIATION INITIALLY, THE FURTHER THE SHUTTLE CONTINUES ON THAT COURSE, THE BIGGER IT'LL GET
HOW ABOUT WE CUT OVER TO INERTIAL FLIGHT WHEN THE CURRENT BEARING SLIPS EVEN A LITTLE!?

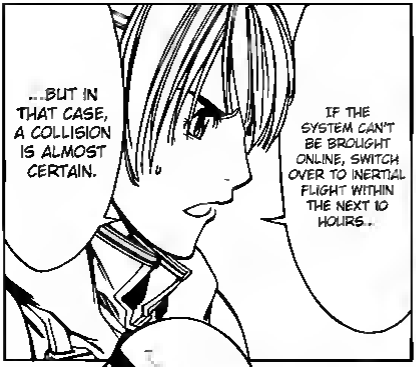

THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE FIRINGS OF NO 1'S THRUSTERS ISN'T CONSTANT AND THE FIRING DURATION IS SHORT AS WELL
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE EITHER
IF THE INERTIAL FLIGHT TAKES IT ON THE COLLISION COURSE, RESCUE WILL BE HOPELESS
THE COURSE WILL CHANGE YET AGAIN DUE TO ANOTHER FIRING OF THE THRUSTERS
BEFORE WE GET THE RESULTS OF A CALCULATION WHETHER THE MODIFIED COURSE RESULTS IN COLLISION OR NOT
IF THIS IS THE CASE, HQ MIGHT ACTIVATE THE DEBRIS SPECIAL MEASURES
DAN-GOU-ZAKA
SHITARA I UNDER-STAND OUR SITUATION

GEEZ, AS SOON AS YOU CAME BACK SO SUDDENLY
I REALIZED THAT THE SITUATION WAS GOTTEN PRETTY BAD
IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT, JIGAM!!
WE GOT AN ORDER TO FIRE!!
WHA...!


BASED ON THE DEBRIS SPECIAL MEASURES ACT, SHUTTLE NO. 1 IS TO BE SHOT DOWN!!
ANTI-DEBRIS LASER, HUH.

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN TELL THEM


DANGOUZAKA, DON'T TELL THIS TO THE ASCANS YET...


...BUT IN THAT CASE, A COLLISION IS ALMOST CERTAIN.
IF THE SYSTEM CAN'T BE BROUGHT ONLINE, SWITCH OVER TO INERTIAL FLIGHT WITHIN THE NEXT 10 HOURS..

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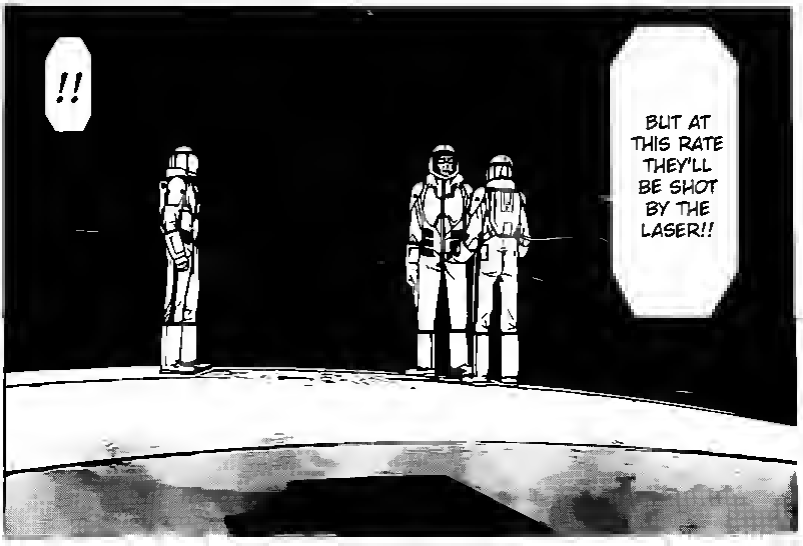
HASUGA! WHAT'S HQ SAYING?

DO WE BET ON RESTORING THE SYSTEM UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT BEFORE THE COLLISION, EVEN IF IT MEANS IGNORING OUR ORDERS...?
WHAT DO WE DO!?

SO THEY INTEND TO MAKE ADL'S AIM EVEN MORE ACCURATE BY PUTTING THE SHUTTLE IN INERTIAL FLIGHT...
IT'S PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO RESTORE THE SYSTEM IN 10 HOURS

PLEASE LET US TAKE THE SYSTEM DOWN RIGHT NOW!!

THEN THEY'LL RUN INTO THE STATION FOR SURE!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING YUUTO!?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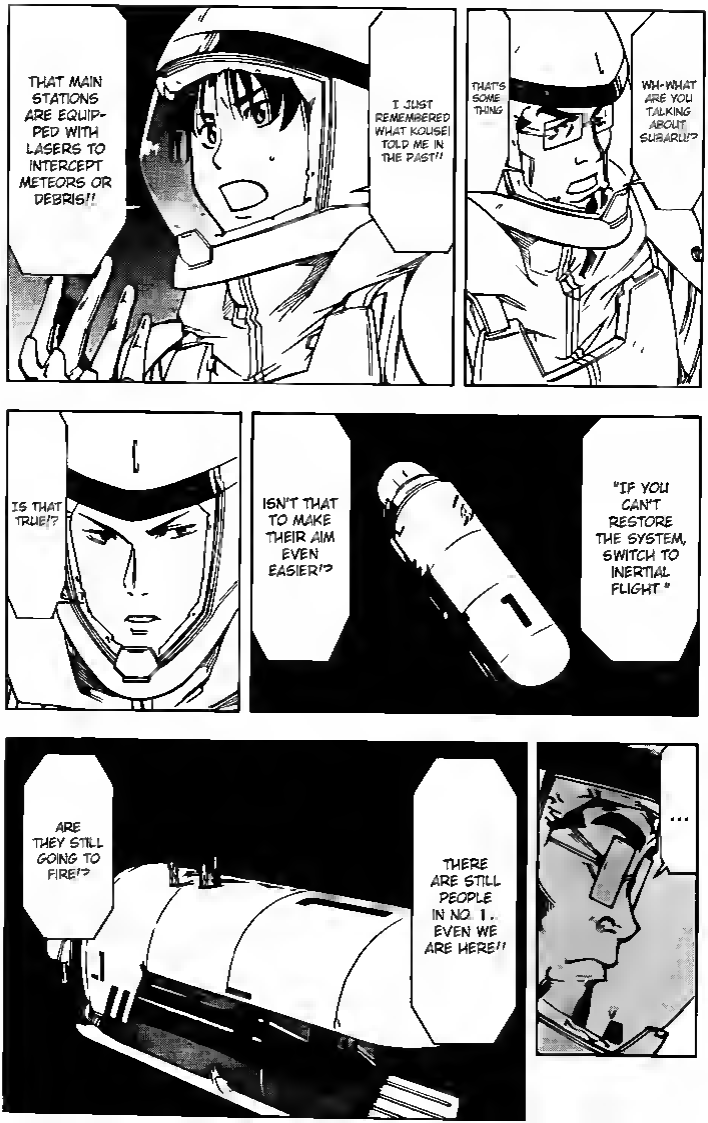
BUT AT THIS RATE THEY'LL BE SHOT BY THE LASER!!


THAT MAIN STATIONS ARE EQUIPPED WITH LASERS TO INTERCEPT METEORS OR DEBRIS!!
I JUST REMEMBERED WHAT KOUSEI TOLD ME IN THE PAST!!
THAT'S SOME THING
WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT SUBARU!?
IS THAT TRUE!?
ISN'T THAT TO MAKE THEIR AIM EVEN EASIER!?
"IF YOU CAN'T RESTORE THE SYSTEM, SWITCH TO INERTIAL FLIGHT"
ARE THEY STILL GOING TO FIRE!?
THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE IN NO 1. EVEN WE ARE HERE!!
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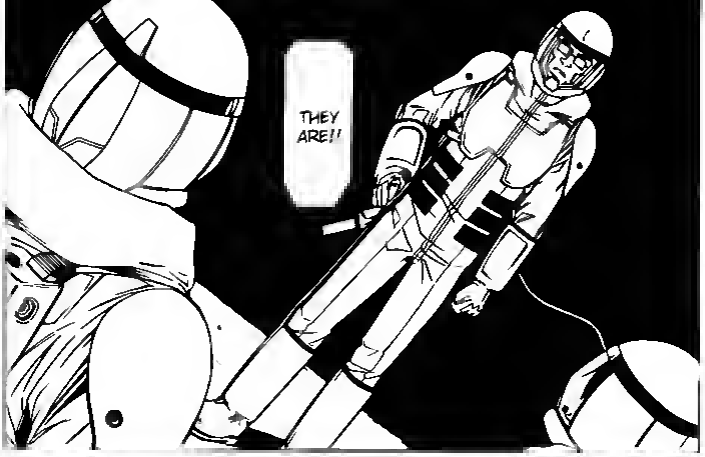
THEY ARE!!

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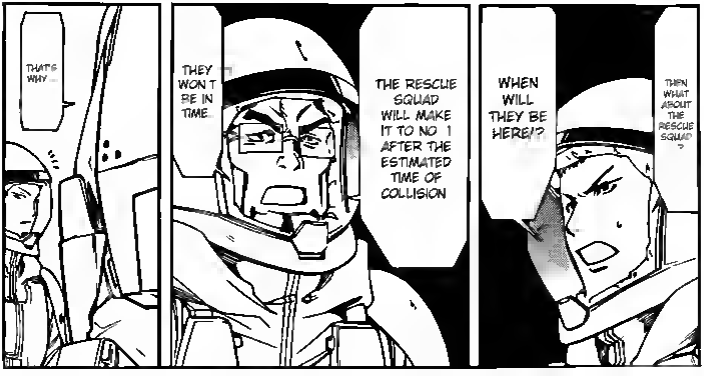
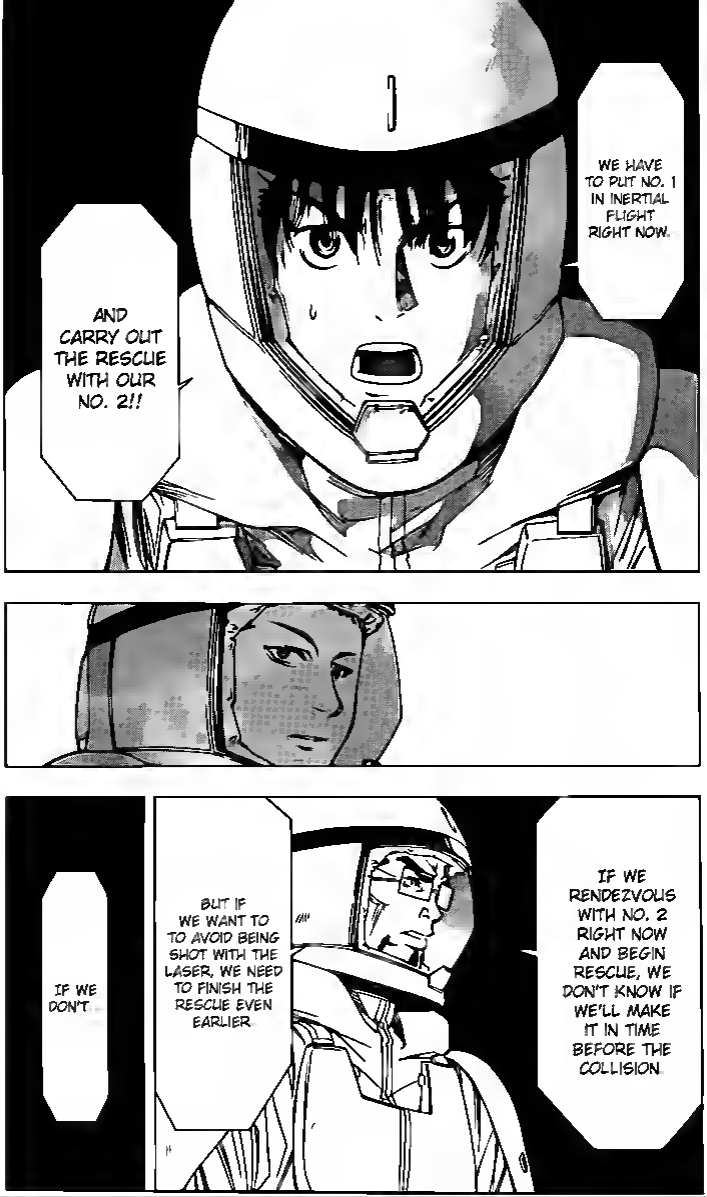
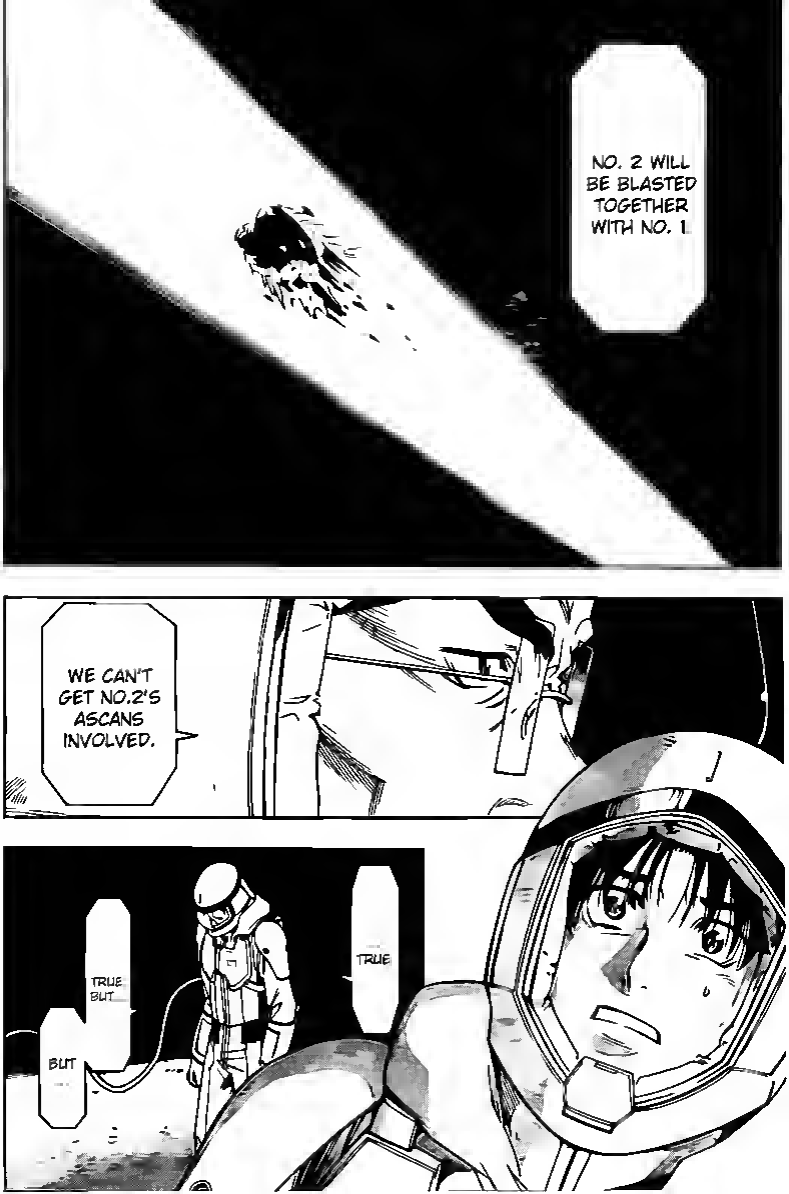
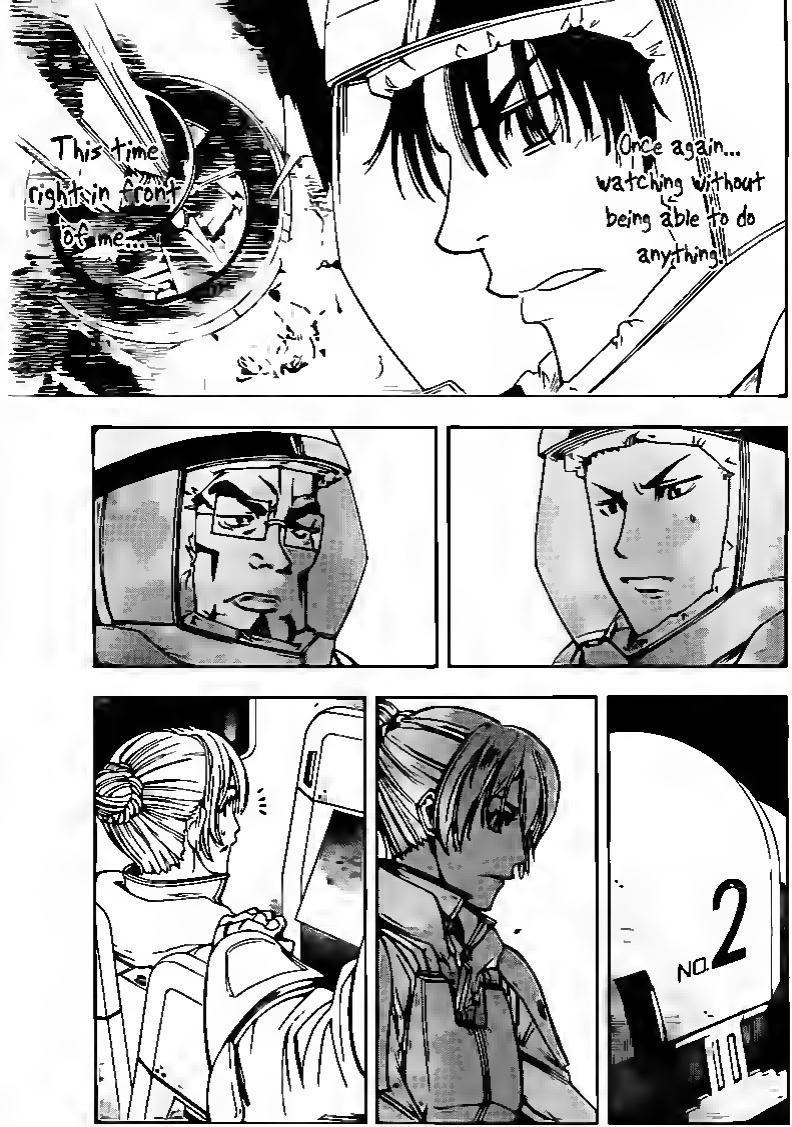
IT'S OBVIOUS FOR THEM TO KEEP DAMAGE TO THE MINIMUM BY FIRING.
IF THERE'S A COLLISION WITH THE STATION, THE DAMAGE WILL BE FAR GREATER!


THAT'S WHY...
THEY WON'T BE IN TIME.
THE RESCUE SQUAD WILL MAKE IT TO NO 1 AFTER THE ESTIMATED TIME OF COLLISION
WHEN WILL THEY BE HERE!?
THEN WHAT ABOUT THE RESCUE SQUAD?


WE HAVE TO PUT NO. 1 IN INERTIAL FLIGHT RIGHT NOW.
AND CARRY OUT THE RESCUE WITH OUR NO. 2!!
IF WE RENDEZVOUS WITH NO. 2 RIGHT NOW AND BEGIN RESCUE, WE DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL MAKE IT IN TIME BEFORE THE COLLISION.
BUT IF WE WANT TO TO AVOID BEING SHOT WITH THE LASER, WE NEED TO FINISH THE RESCUE EVEN EARLIER.
IF WE DON'T


NO. 2 WILL BE BLASTED TOGETHER WITH NO. 1.
WE CAN'T GET NO.2'S ASCANS INVOLVED.
TRUE
TRUE BUT...
BUT...


This time right in front of me...
Once again... watching without being able to do anything!
NO.2

NO. 2
DON'T DECIDE WITHOUT LISTENING TO OUR OPINION FIRST.
PLEASE WAIT, INSTRUCTOR SHITARA!!
ALL ASCANS IN NO. 2...
ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT WE SHOULD RESCUE NO. 1!!

WE WANT TO BECOME ASTRONAUTS, AFTER ALL!!
WE KNOW IT'S DANGEROUS!!
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
WHA...!
Y YOU CAN'T!!
WE CAN'T LEAVE THEM ALONE!!
THE ONES IN NO. 1 ARE ALL OUR FRIENDS.
WE ARE THE GUYS WHO STILL WANT TO BE ASTRONAUTS EVEN AFTER WE SAW THE JUPITNEER ACCIDENT!!
WE HELD BACK ONLY BECAUSE WE ADMIT THAT SUBARU AND MINORIKAWA'S EVA SKILLS ARE THE BEST.
MORE-OVER, WE TOO WANTED TO GO OUT TO RESCUE NO. 1 JUST BEFORE!!

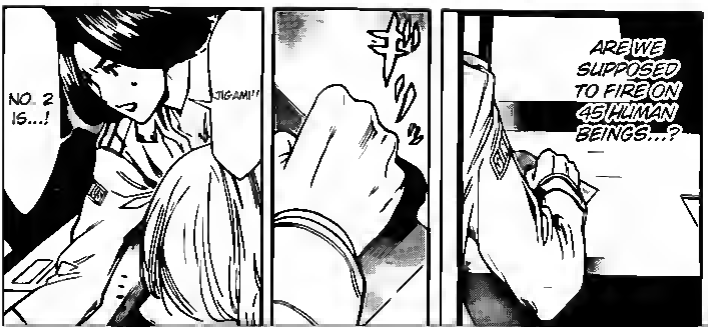
BUT NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO RISK OUR LIVES FOR THE RESCUE MISSION!!
EVERY-ONE
B-BUT...
WE'RE GOING EVEN IF YOU TRY TO STOP US
AFTER ALL, PILOT-SAN IS THE ONE MOST EAGER TO GO

EXPLAIN TO THE ASCANS IN NO. 1...
DANGOUZAHA NO. 2 IS GOING TO DO SOMETHING UNREASONABLE!
...
IT'S TOO DIFFICULT TO GET THE SYSTEM RESTORED WITHIN 10 HOURS.
ALREADY ON IT!!
WE CAN'T COMPLAIN.
BESIDES, WE'RE THE ONES BEING RESCUED.
HM HM HM.
THIS WON'T GET SETTLED WITH A LETTER OF APOLOGY.

RESCUE WITH LIVES AT STAKE. THE ASCANS HAVE BANDED TO TOGETHER, BUT WILL THEIR FEELINGS BEAR FRUIT...?

THE MOMENT SHUTTLE NO. 1 IS FIRED UPON FAST APPROACHES...
VOLUME 1 NOW ON SALE TO GOOD RECEPTION!!
STAR CHILDREN
スターチルドレン
Pleiades
KIDA MASASHI

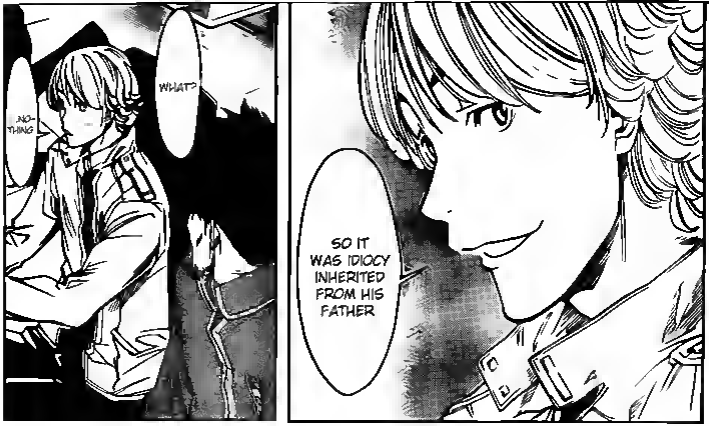
IN ADDITION, THE THREE WHO HEADED OUT TO THE RESCUE: SHITARA, SUBARU, MINORIKAWA...
SHUTTLE NO. 1 HAS 40 ASCANS, ONE INSTRUCTOR, AND ONE PILOT.


NO. 2 IS...!
JIGAMI!!
ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIRE ON 45 HUMAN BEINGS...?

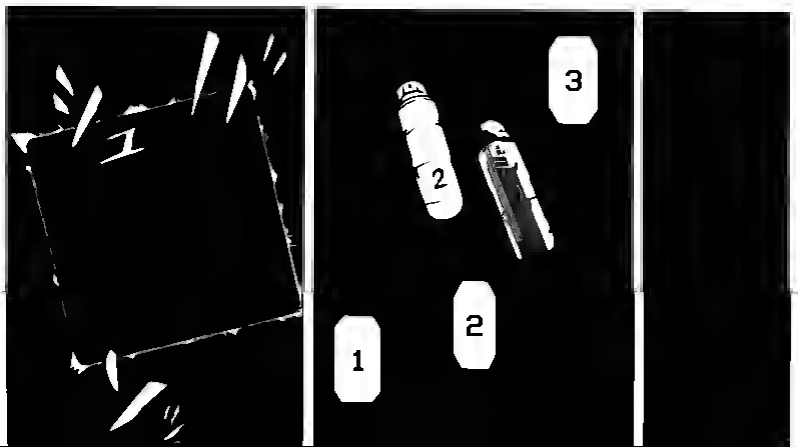
NO 1 IS STILL FLYING ERRATICALLY, A RENDEZ-VOUS IS...
WHAT!?
GOING TO RENDEZVOUS WITH NO. 1!!
SO THEY WANT TO BE RESCUED BY NO 2...
!!
IT SEEMS NO. 1 HAS ALREADY SWITCHED TO INERTIAL FLIGHT
AN IDIOTIC INSTRUCTION LIKE THAT...
!!
BOTH SHITARA AND DANGOUZAKA ARE LEVEL-HEADED MEN
WHO GAVE SUCH AN ORDER!?
BUT THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT BEFORE WE FIRE!!

WERE THEY MOVED BY THAT BRAT SUBARU?
DIRECTOR SUBARU!!!
IT SEEMS SO.
!!

BRING THE LASER'S FOCUS CLOSER.
ALSO REDUCE ITS DIAMETER EVEN FURTHER!!
THEN THE TIMING WILL TRULY BE CUT CLOSE.
AND IF WE MAKE THE BEAM NARROWER, THE AIM WILL GET MORE DIFFICULT!!
THE ONES IN THE SHUTTLES ARE ALSO TIMING THEIR RESCUE VERY CLOSE.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE HAVE TO RESPOND TO THAT!!
HMPH.


NO-THING
WHAT?
SO IT WAS IDIOCY INHERITED FROM HIS FATHER

PLEASE DO!!
IF THAT'S YOUR ORDER, WE'LL DO IT!!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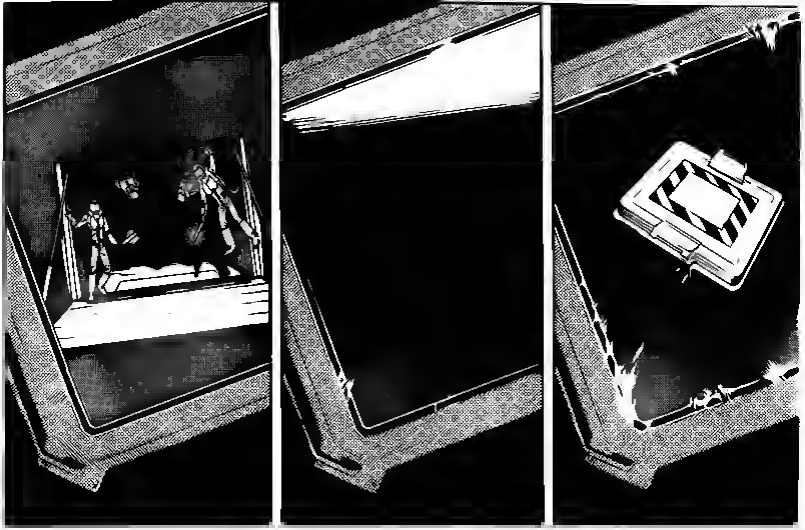
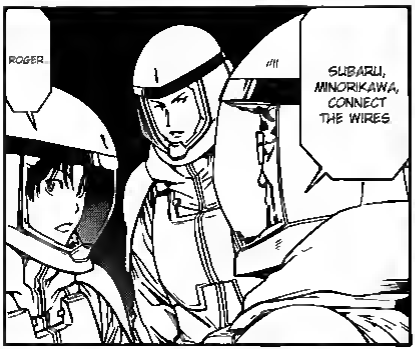
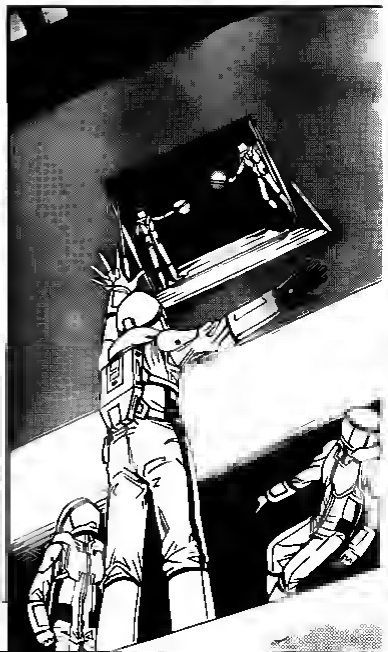
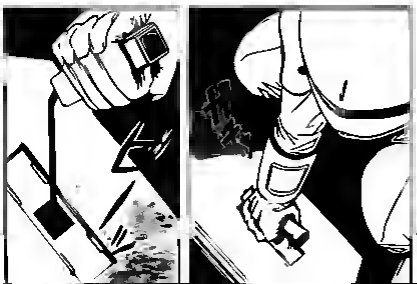
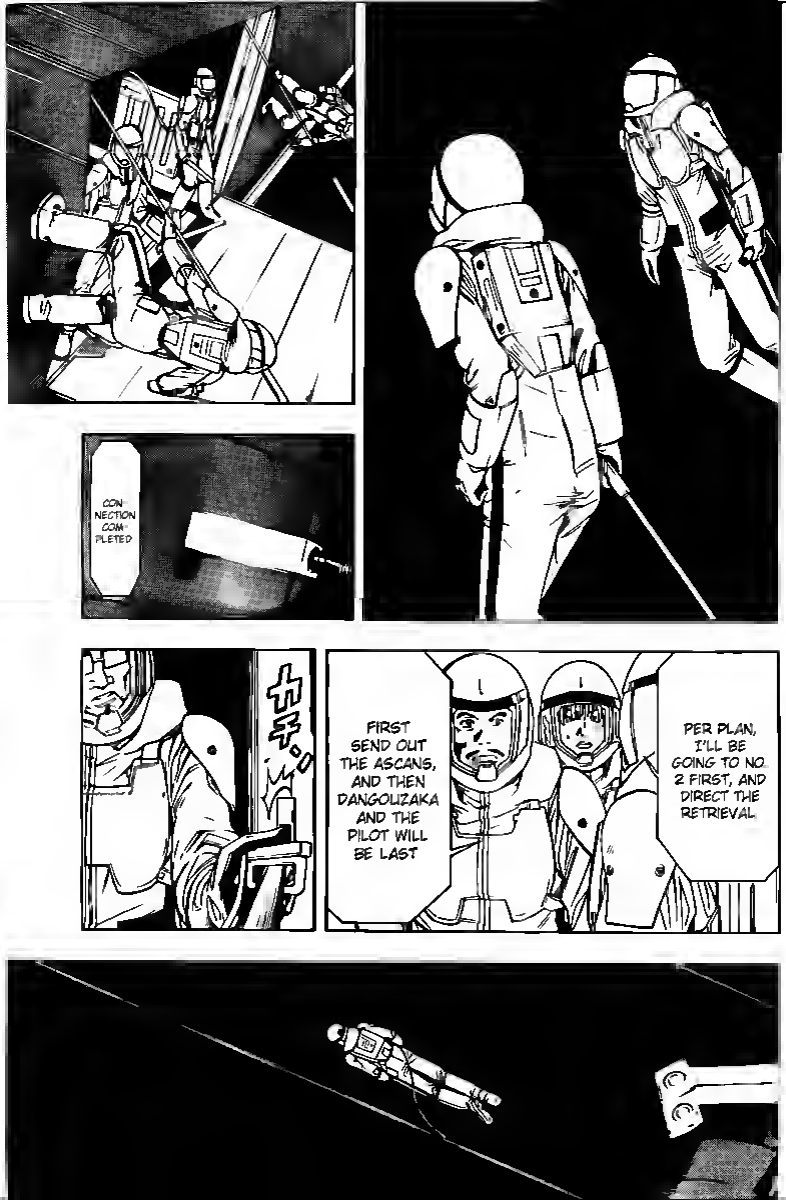



ROGER.
SUBARU, MINORIKAWA, CONNECT THE WIRES






CON-
NECTION
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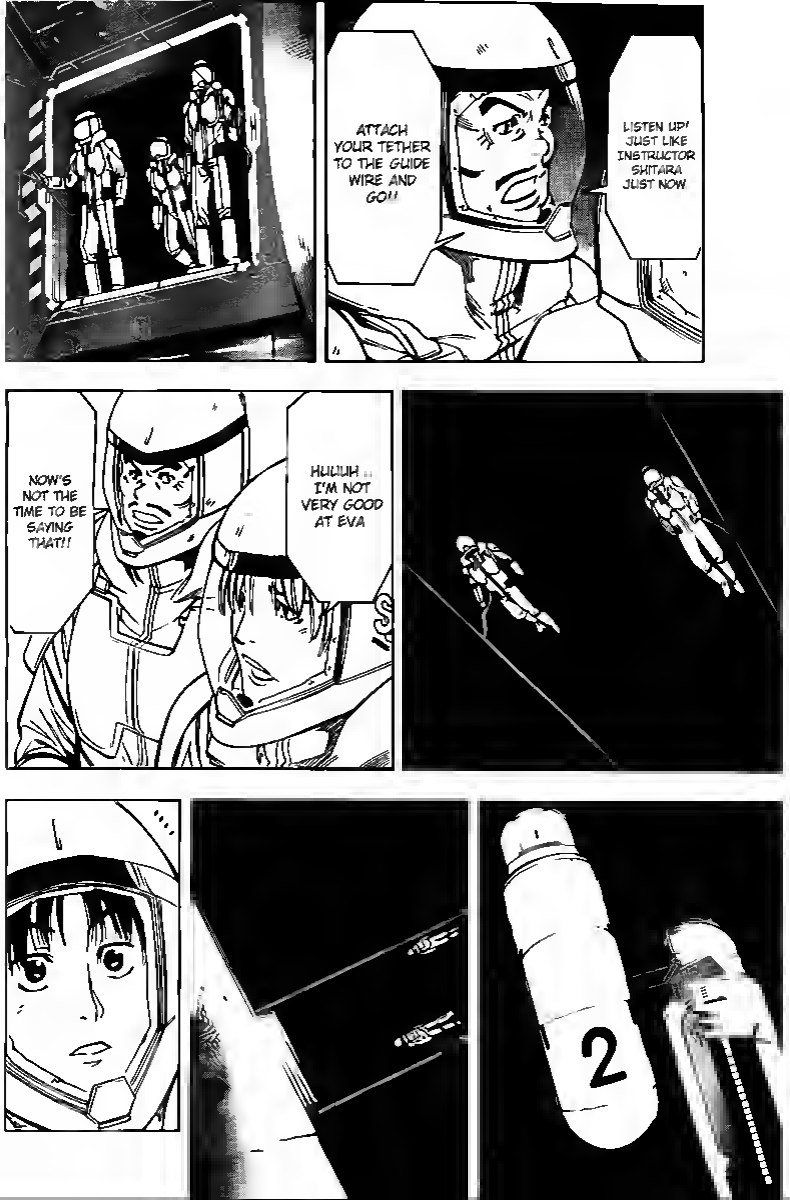
PLETED
FIRST SEND OUT THE ASCANS, AND THEN DANGOLIZAKA AND THE PILOT WILL BE LAST
PER PLAN, I'LL BE GOING TO NO. 2 FIRST, AND DIRECT THE RETRIEVAL


LISTEN UP! JUST LIKE INSTRUCTOR SHITARA JUST NOW
ATTACH YOUR TETHER TO THE GUIDE WIRE AND GO!!
HUUUH... I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT EVA
NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO BE SAYING THAT!!
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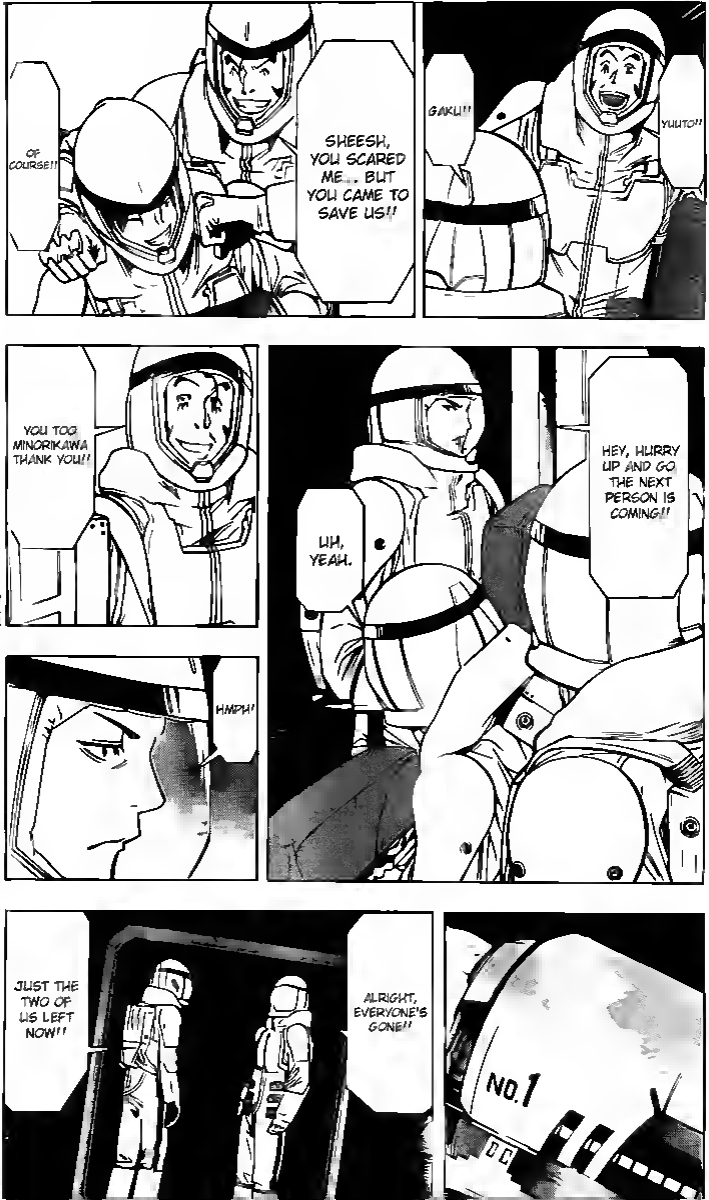
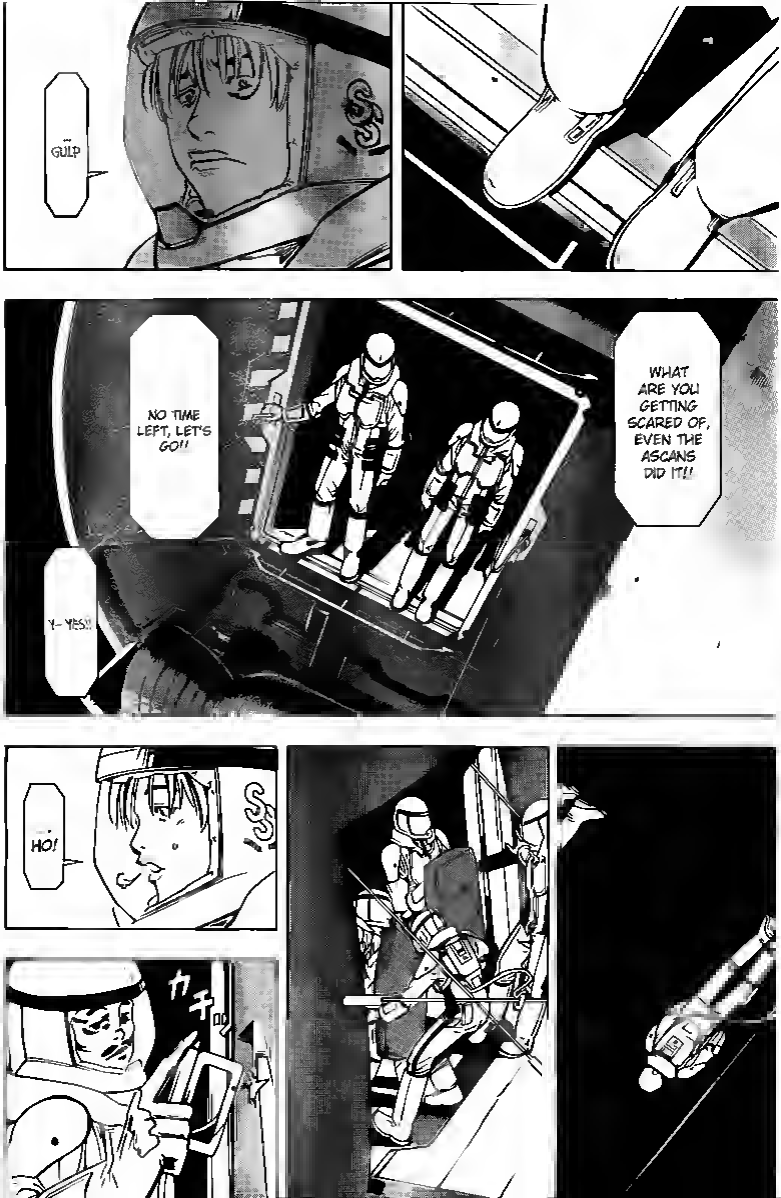

SHEESH, YOU SCARED ME... BUT YOU CAME TO SAVE US!!
OF COURSE!!
GAKU!!
YUUTO!!
YOU TOO, MINORIKAWA THANK YOU!!
HEY, HURRY UP AND GO. THE NEXT PERSON IS COMING!!
UH, YEAH.
HMPH!
JUST THE TWO OF US LEFT NOW!!
ALRIGHT, EVERYONE'S GONE!!
NO.1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GULP
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING SCARED OF, EVEN THE ASCANS DID IT!!
NO TIME LEFT, LET'S GO!!
Y- YES!!
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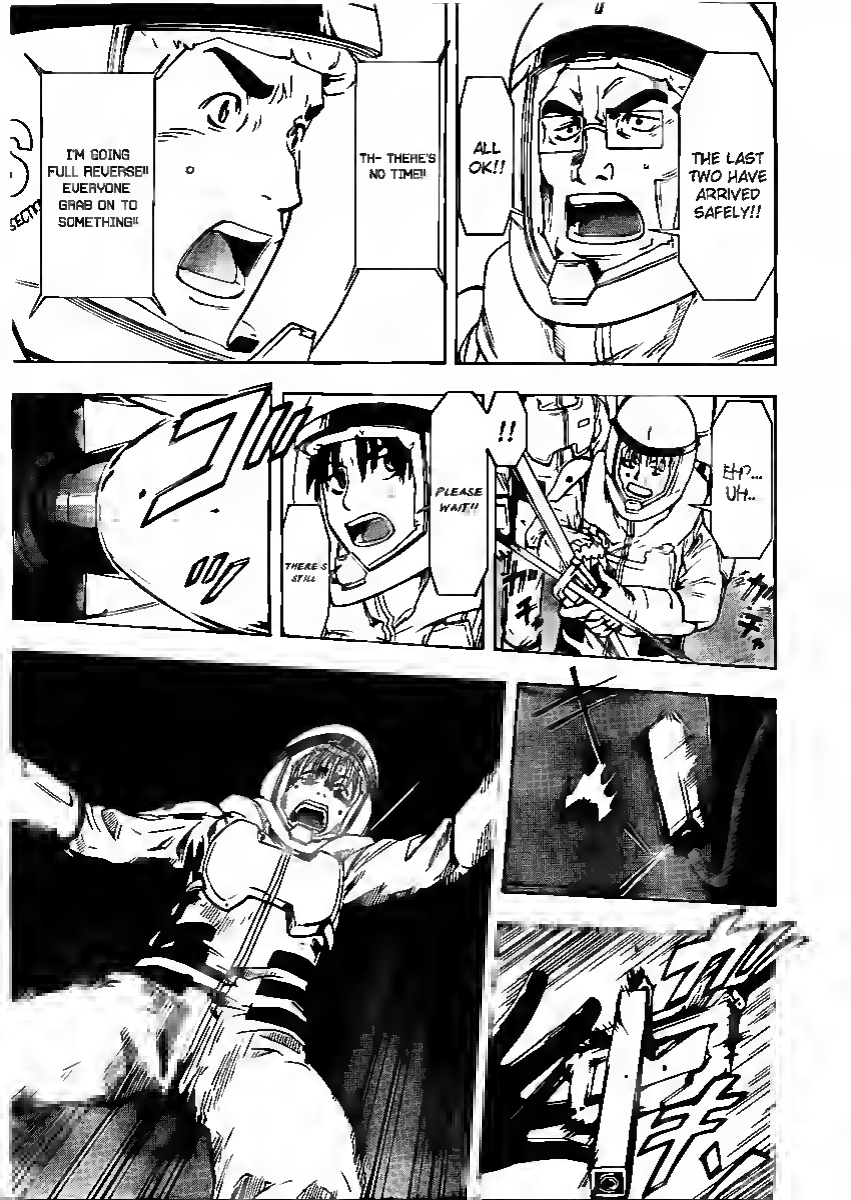
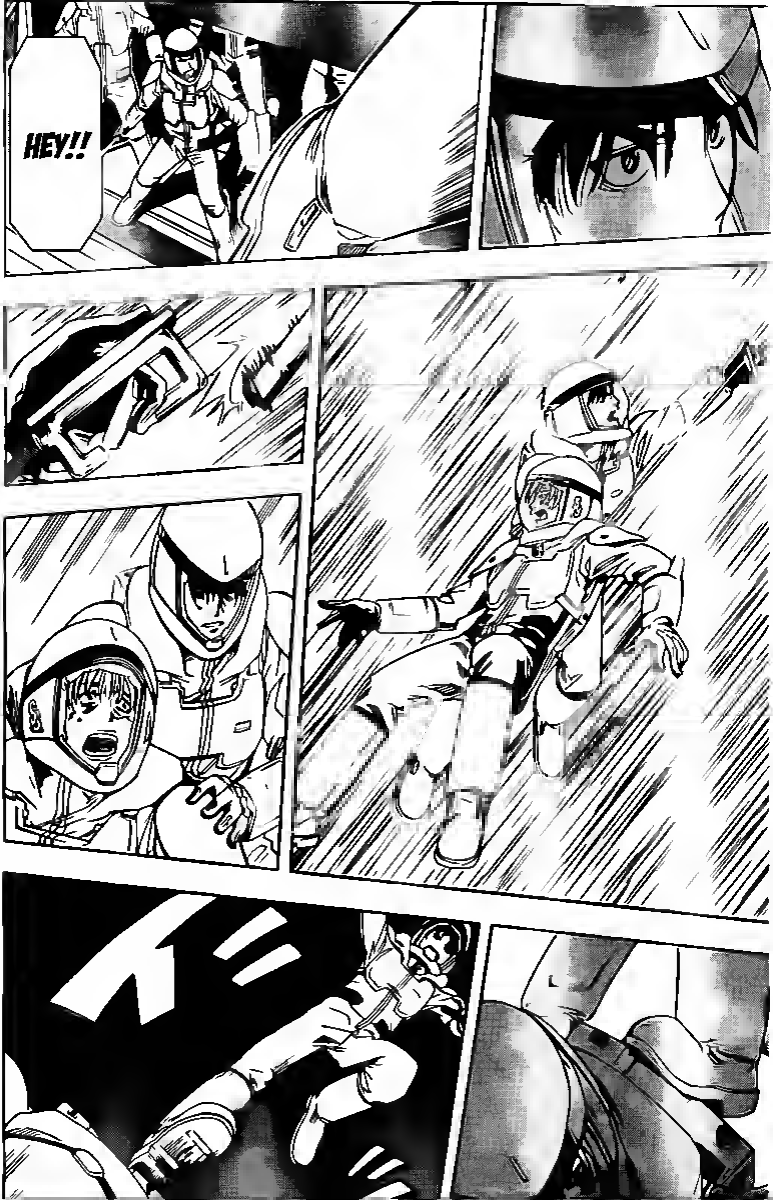
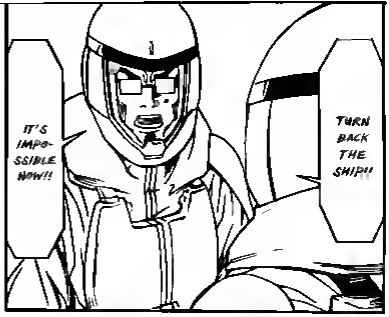
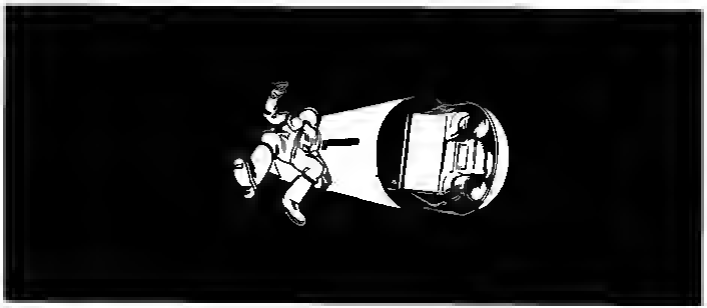

I'M GOING FULL REVERSE!! EVERYONE GRAB ON TO SOMETHING!!
TH- THERE'S NO TIME!!
ALL OK!!
THE LAST TWO HAVE ARRIVED SAFELY!!
THERE'S STILL
!!
PLEASE WAIT!!
EH?... UH..

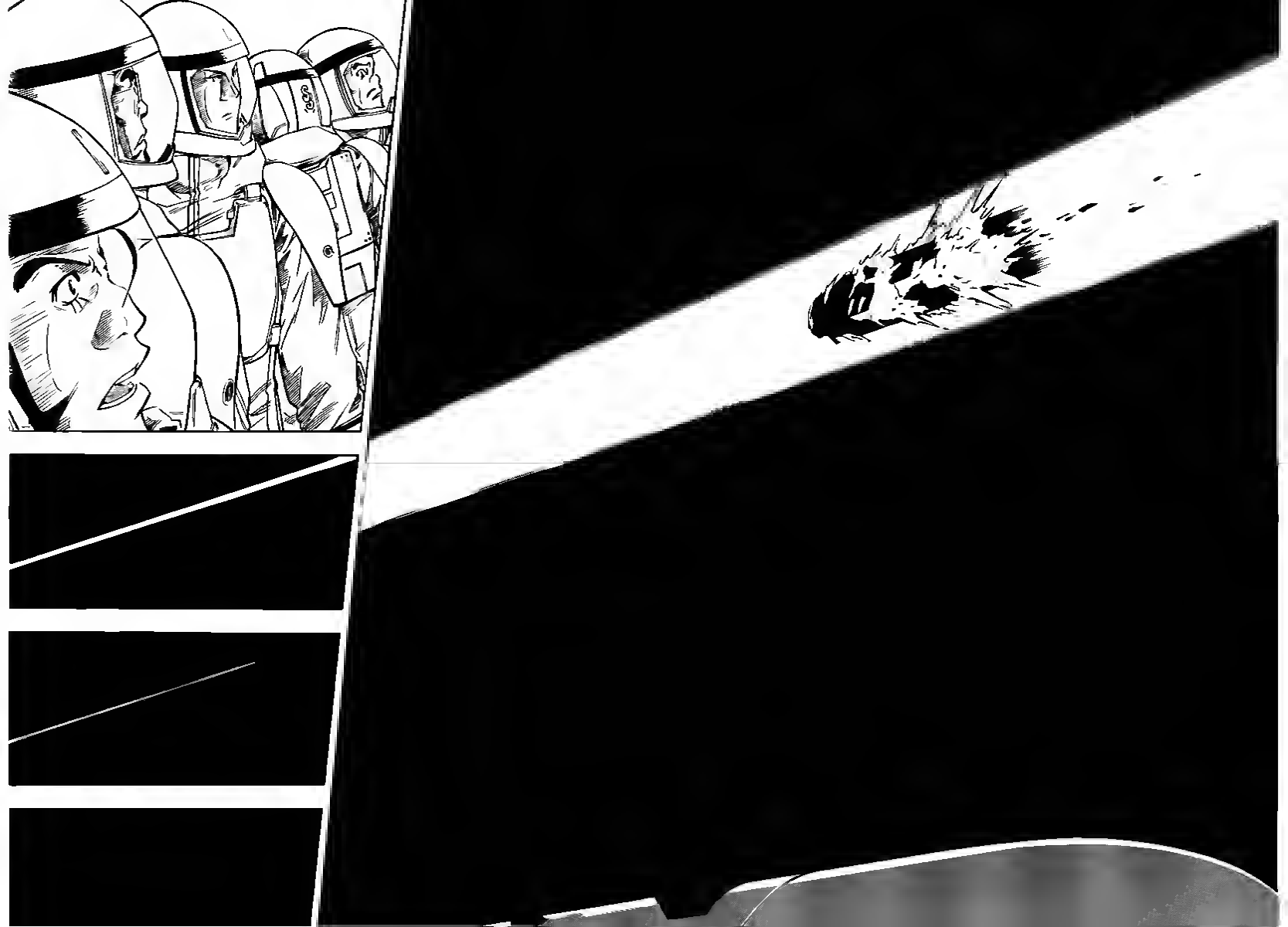

HEY!!

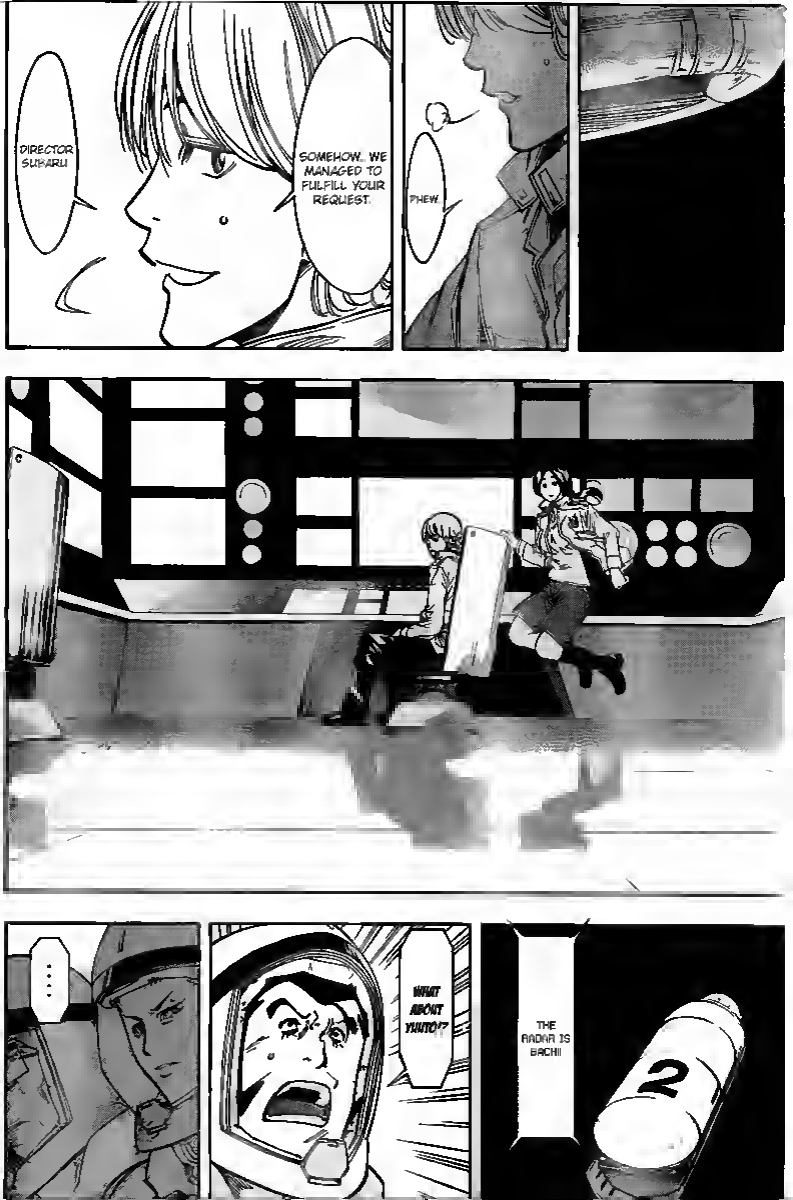
YUUTO!!


IT'S IMPO-SSIBLE NOW!!
TURN BACK THE SHIP!!

SUBARU HIMSELF WENT FLYING TOWARD NO. 1...
TCH...! IN ORDER TO RETURN THE PILOT HERE TO NO. 2.






DIRECTOR SUHARU
SOMEHOW.. WE MANAGED TO FULFILL YOUR REQUEST.
PHEW
...
WHAT ABOUT YUKITO!?
THE RADAR IS BACK!!
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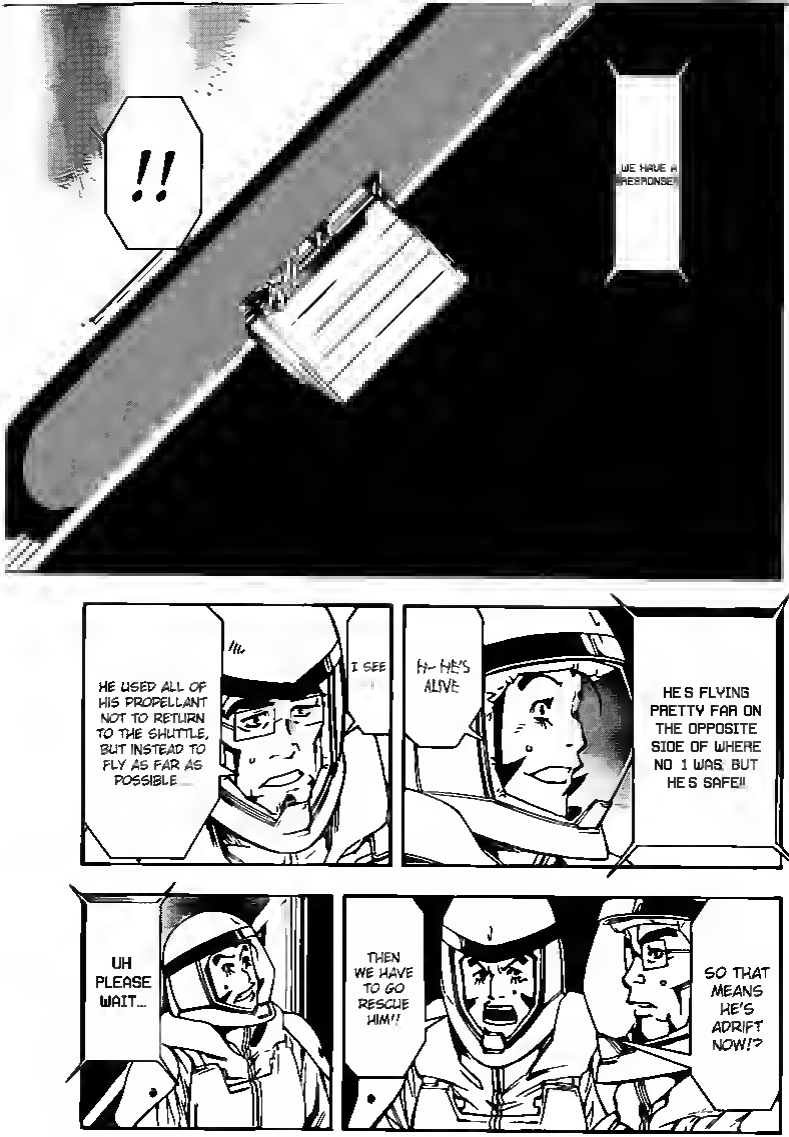
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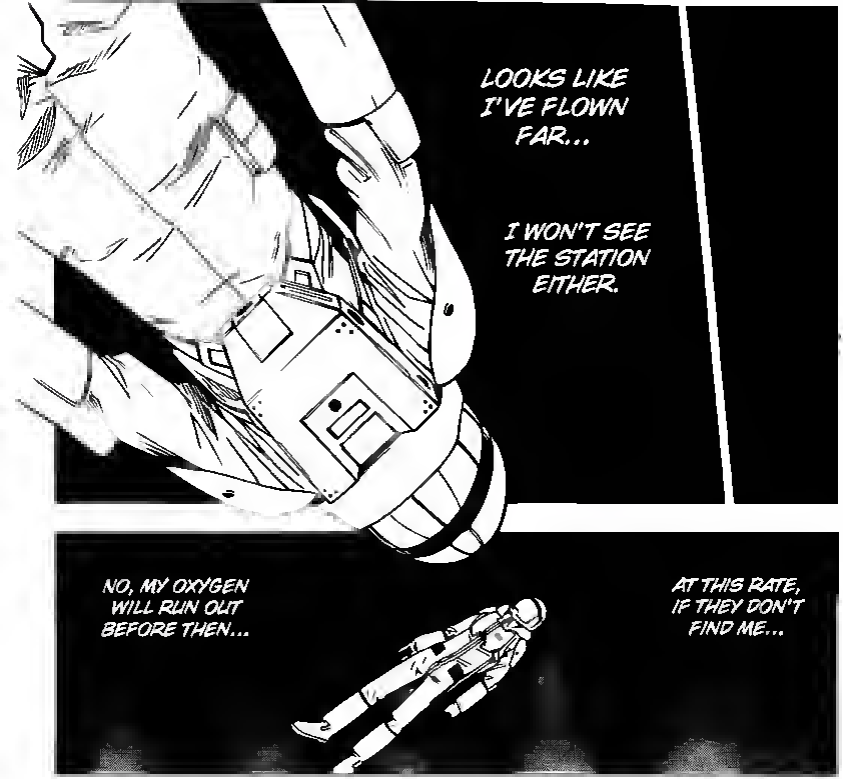
WE HAVE A RESPONSE!
I SEE
HE USED ALL OF HIS PROPELLANT NOT TO RETURN TO THE SHUTTLE, BUT INSTEAD TO FLY AS FAR AS POSSIBLE...
H-HE'S ALIVE
HE'S FLYING PRETTY FAR ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF WHERE NO 1 WAS. BUT HE'S SAFE!!
UH PLEASE WAIT...
THEN WE HAVE TO GO RESCUE HIM!!
SO THAT MEANS HE'S ADRIFT NOW!?

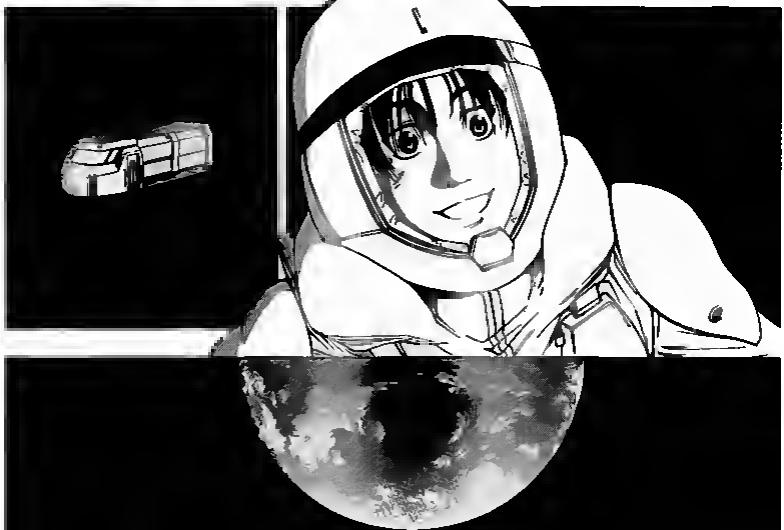


DEATH

IT'S THE WORLD OF DEATH WHERE HUMANS CAN'T SURVIVE.

YOU'RE IN A DANGEROUS PLACE, YUUTO.

IS THIS WHAT KOUSEI MIGHT BE FACING NOW...?
...BUT
I KNOW, KOUSEI!!
SHUT UP!
EVEN I, AT A PLACE LIKE THIS, STILL...
ASCAN
THAT'S RIGHT!!



I WON'T GIVE UP!!

REMEMBERED IN THE WORLD OF DEATH,
THE PROMISE MADE ON THAT DAY.
WHAT DOES YUUTO FEEL NOW AS SPACE
TOUCHES HIM, AS HE GETS TO KNOW IT----?

NEXT ISSUE, THE
MOVING FINAL CHAPTER!!

STAR CHILDREN

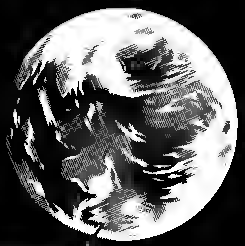
スターチルドレン

---MARCH 2081.

...AS YOU KNOW GENTLEMEN, THE REVIVAL OF THE JUPITNEER PROJECT AS WELL AS A PLAN FOR THE SEARCH & RESCUE OF THE PREVIOUS JUPITHEER WAS ANNOUNCED THE OTHER DAY...

TWO YEARS SINCE THAT ACCIDENT... THE TIME OF ANOTHER DEPARTURE IS NOW---

VOLUME 1 ON SALE TO FAVORABLE RECEPTION!!



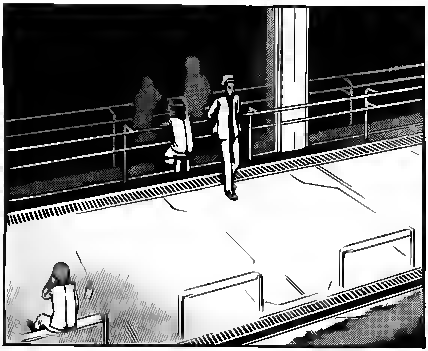
HUMANITY ONCE AGAIN ENTERS THE TIME WHEN WE WILL SEPARATE FROM MOTHER EARTH'S UMBILICAL CORD THE SPACE ELEVATOR, AND LEAVE OUR HEST FOR THE VASTNESS OF SPACE

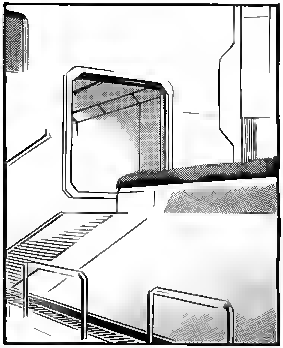
I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU, WHO WILL BEAR THE HEW ERA ON THEIR SHOULDERS---

15 Someday, Reach the Stars

KIDA MASASHI

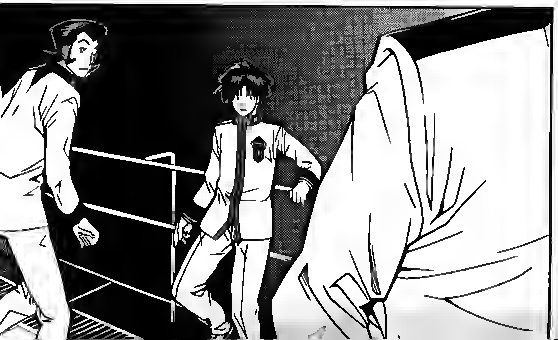
I NOW DESIGNATE YOU ASTRONAUTS OF CORE INC!!
183 ASCANS.

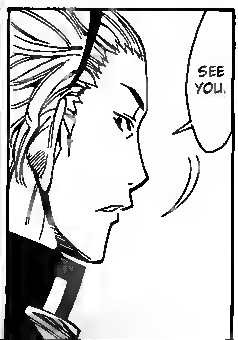




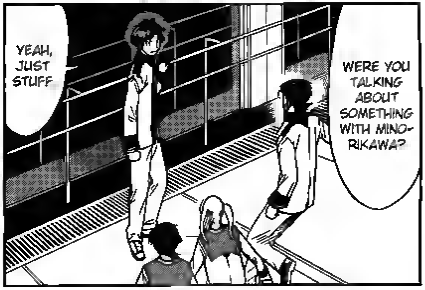
THAT'S WHERE YOU ARE WE WERE LOOKING FOR YOU!!

YUUTO!!

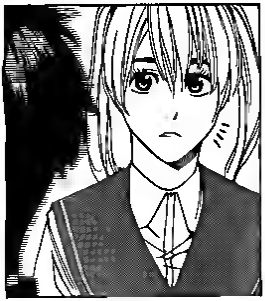



SEE YOU.

AH, THAT'S RIGHT!!

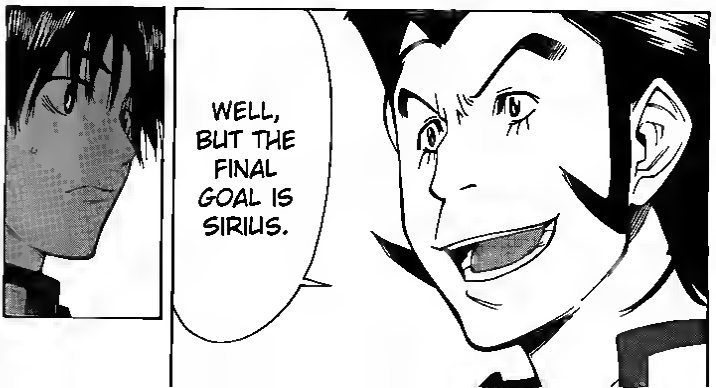

YEAH, JUST STUFF.
WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING WITH MINORIKAWA?

HOW NICE~~~ I WISH I COULD GO TOO ~~~!!



YOU AND MINORIKAWA WERE ACCEPTED INTO MARS EXPLORATION TRAINING!!
YOU GOT THE SAME TREATMENT AS THE GUYS FROM CLASS A!!

THE THREE OF US HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO COSMIC UNIVERSITY ON THE MOON.
WHAT ABOUT YOU GUYS!?
I'M ENROLLING IN THE SPACESHIP DEPARTMENT. I WANT TO LEARN A BIT MORE ABOUT SPACESHIPS.
I'LL BE STUDYING SPACE BIOLOGY
AND I'LL MAJOR IN SPACE MEDICINE
YOU GUYS ARE AWESOME YOU KNOW WHERE YOU WANT TO GO.
WHAT, ARE YOU BEING SARCASTIC!? EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ONE OF US!!


WELL, BUT THE FINAL GOAL IS SIRIUS.

YOU PROBABLY HAVE DOUBTS
ABOUT GOING TO MARS.
DOU-BTS?
DOUBTS.. ABOUT TAKING THAT MARS TRAINING!?
!!
EH!? YUUTO YOU HAVE DOURTS!?
THERE'S NO WAY RIGHT?
EEE... WELL, IT'S LIKE...
HOW COME!?
AFTER YOU'RE FINALLY TREATED LIKE CLASS A!!

ARE YOU GOING TO MESS UP YOUR SHORTEST ROUTE TOWARD SIRIUS!?
YOU WANT TO TRY AND TAKE IT, DON'T YOU?
THE SIRIUS EXAM
YOU MEAN THE SIRIUS EXAM THEY WILL BE GIVING SOON?
BECAUSE THEY WANT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SIRIUS MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JUPITNEER PLAN..?
E- EVEN THEN, YOU WOULDN'T TAKE IT RIGHT NOW IF IT MEANS THROWING AWAY YOUR CHANCE, RIGHT!!?
YOU CAN GO TO MARS TRAINING, ACHIEVE REAL RESULTS IN PROPER ORDER, AND THEN, IN ABOUT FIVE YEARS...
HEY HEY HEY HEY!!
IN THAT CASE...
BUT

KABU-RAGI...
I HEAR SOMEONE TALKING ABOUT SIRIUS IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, AND WHO DOES IT TURN OUT TO BE?
ISN'T THAT THE DROP-OUT GROUP!!?
DID YOU GET FATTER?
IT JUST LOOKS THAT WAY IN WEIGHT-LESS-NESS!
HEY, SUBARU YUUTO!!
DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE SAME MARS TRAINING AS US CLASS A GRADUATES!!
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE SOME CANOPUS PEOPLE LIKE YOU A BIT, THAT'S ALL!!

THAT EXAM IS A BARRIER THAT EVEN FOR CANOPUS ASTRONAUTS, ONLY ONE OUT OF A HUNDRED PASSES!!
YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE THE SIRIUS EXAM ON TOP OF THAT!?
AND YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, WOULD REFUSE THAT FAVORABLE TREATMENT? WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!!?
Y- YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR!!
DON'T MESS AROUND!!
FOR US... I MEAN, FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU, COMING UP FROM CLASS B, IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU COULD POSSIBLY PASS!!
BUT YOU KNOW
HUH!?
THANK YOU FOR THE WARNING, KABURAGI -KUN.
YEAH YEAH, BREAK ~~~

HE'S JUST AN IDIOT WHO STILL HAS DOUBTS EVEN THOUGH HE KNOWS ALL OF THIS, SO WE SHOULD JUST LEAVE HIM ALONE!!
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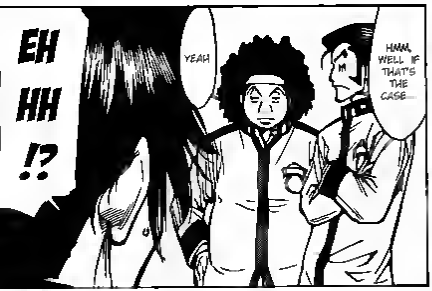
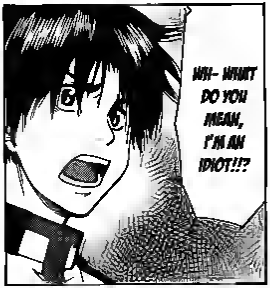
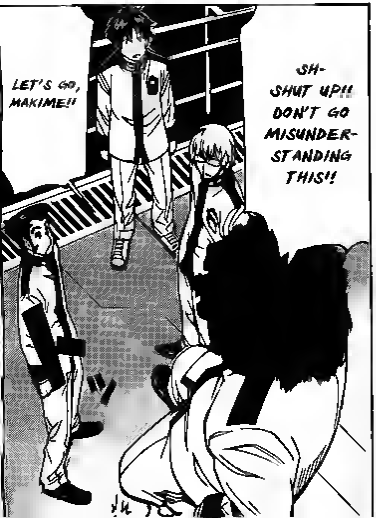

EH HH !?
YEAH
HMM, WELL IF THAT'S THE CASE...


WH- WHAT DO YOU MEAN, I'M AN IDIOT!!?

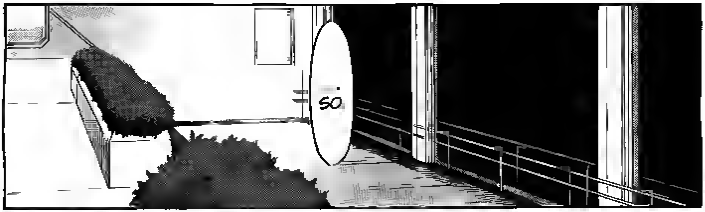

LET'S GO, MAKIME!!
SH- SHUT UP!! DON'T GO MISUNDER-STANDING THIS!!

SURPRI-SINGLY, YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON, KABURAGI-KUN
STILL, GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO DELIVER THE WARNING

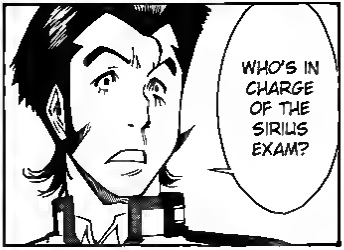
!...

IF YOU ARE STILL IN DOUBT, YOU SHOULD SEEK SOMEONE'S ADVICE.
FOR EXAM-PLE
SUBARU-KUN!!
THE ONE IN CHARGE OF THE SIRIUS EXAM
WHY DID YOU GIVE ADVICE TO SUBARU!?
THANK YOU, MAKIME-KUN!!

WELL, I GUESS WE SHOULD LEAVE IT AT THAT
I JUST THOUGHT THE LESS BURDEN WE HAVE DURING MARS TRAINING THE BETTER


SO.

THE JUPITNEER PROJECT LEADER
THE HEAD OF THE CORE INC ASTRONAUT DEPARTMENT.


WHO'S IN CHARGE OF THE SIRIUS EXAM?

AH, YES.
THAT'S

SUBARU DAICHI.
KNOCK KNOCK
COME IN
EXCUSE ME!!

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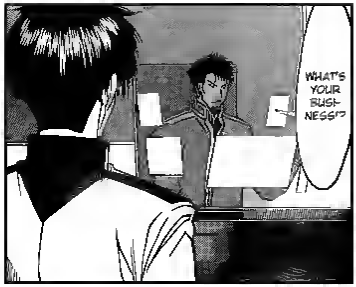
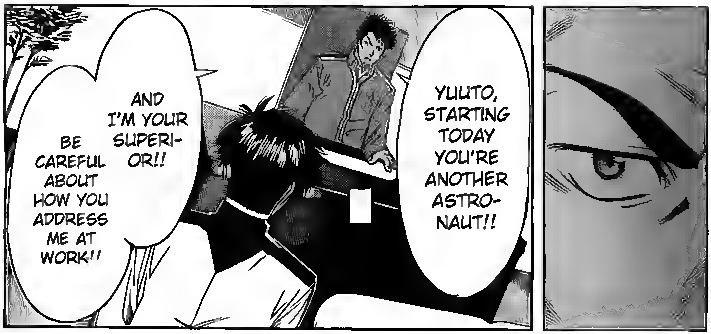
I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO BE WORRYING ABOUT YOU ALONE.
IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING, LEAVE!!


WHAT'S YOUR BUSINESS!?

AH, YES, EER...

I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK DAD!!
DAD!!

ME ALONE


YUUTO, STARTING TODAY YOU'RE ANOTHER ASTRO-NAUT!!
AND I'M YOUR SUPERI-OR!!
BE CAREFUL ABOUT HOW YOU ADDRESS ME AT WORK!!

I KNOW!!
BUT RIGHT NOW I CAME AS A SON TO ASK A QUESTION FROM HIS FATHER, AN ASTRONAUT SUBARU DAICHI!!

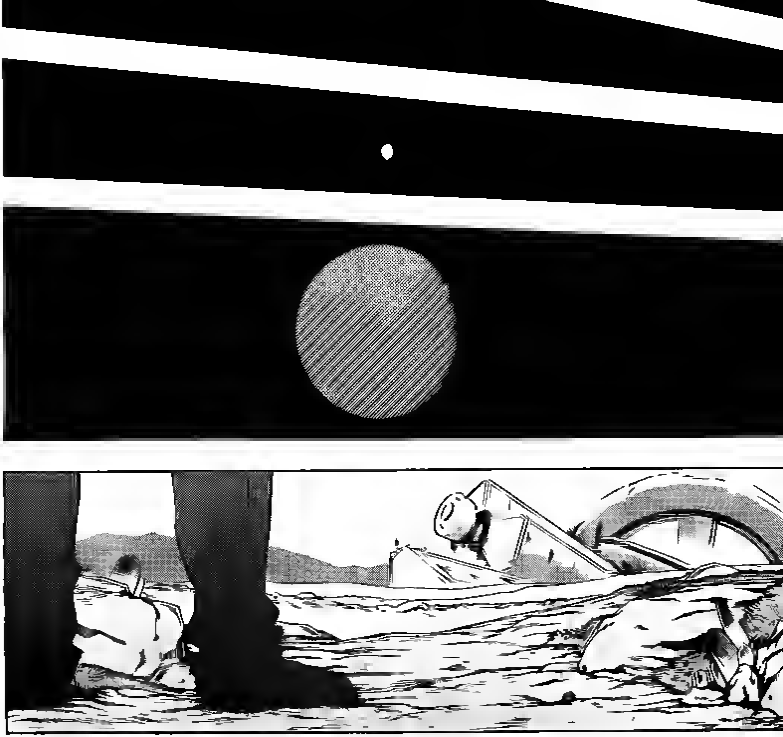
SO
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO ASK!?
AT LEAST YOU'VE GOTTEN PROFICIENT WHEN IT COMES TO TALKING.
SINCE YOU'RE BUSY, I THINK IT WOULD BE A WASTE OF TIME TO ASK THE S. ME QUESTION AGAIN IN A DIFFERENT PLACE.

SHOULD I GO TO THE THREE YEAR MARS TRAINING?
OR SHOULD I DECLINE IT AND TAKE THE SIRIUS EXAM?
AND YOU WANT ME TO TELL YOU WHAT TO DO?
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN..
I KNOW THAT IF SOMEONE LIKE ME TAKES IT, IT'S NOT SOMETHING THEY COULD PASS.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF A THING THE SIRIUS EXAM IS?
BUT.
!!
YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THE JUPITNEER SEARCH & RESCUE PROJECT!!

THE RESCUE PARTY WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE SAFE EITHER.
I CAN EASILY IMAGINE WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.
AS WELL AS THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WILL COME AND SAVE YOU.
I'VE REALIZED HOW SCARY SPACE IS.
BUT IF IT'S NOT 0%, I WANT TO GO OUT TO THE RESCUE.
I KNOW.
THE PROBABILITY THAT THE JUPTINEER IS ALRIGHT IS LOW...

WHAT DID YOUR MOTHER TELL YOU?
WHEN YOU SAID YOU'D BECOME AN ASCIAN?
IN A LOT OF CASES, SUCH DOUBTS MEAN THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE THE ANSWER.
WHAT'S LEFT IS WHETHER YOU HAVE THE RESOLVE TO MAKE THE DECISION.
EH!?
SO YOU'VE DECIDED?
BECAUSE IN SPACE, THE POSSI-BILITIES ARE LIMITLESS!!
KSTC
KSTC

I SEE.
GET READY FOR IT!!
SINCE YOU DECIDED THIS YOURSELF, FROM NOW ON IT'S ALL YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.
I...
DAD...


THE FEELINGS WILL REACH THERE. ACROSS TIME, ACROSS SPACE----
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING! PLEASE EXPECT THE NEXT WORK FROM KIDA-SENSEI!! --THE FINAL VOLUME=2 WILL GO ON SALE ON MAY 17 (THU)--